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unique shortage. **FARM**, Page 6A



Thousands of geese take flight from a snow-covered field off Kentucky 268 in the Sauerheber Refuge Thursday. The refuge is part of the 10,000 acre Sloughs Wildlife Management area in Henderson County. A rare and endangered whooping crane was spotted in the area recently.

# Whooping crane seen at Sloughs

Hunters cautioned rare bird resembles sandhill variety

**By Roger Alford**  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky wildlife officials report they've spotted an endangered whooping crane at the Sloughs Wildlife Management Area near Henderson and that they've received a report of two others along the Pond River in Hopkins County.

The sightings of the rare birds, which are on the comeback from near extinction, prompted the Humane Society of the United States to again call for the halt of a hunting season on sandhill cranes for fear that shooters might mistakenly kill the whooping cranes instead.

Kentucky's second sandhill crane season,

already under way, runs through Jan. 13 or until 400 of the birds are killed.

"Since whooping cranes bear a strong resemblance to sandhill cranes, continuing the hunt could put this seriously threatened species in extreme danger," said Pamela Rogers, the Humane Society's Kentucky director.

The whooping cranes, believed to be among a group released in other states in an effort to establish a flock in the eastern U.S., are white with black wingtips and a red crown. They have wingspans of 7 1/2 feet and stand up to 5 feet tall on stilted legs.

"A couple of birders with the Evansville bird club" first spotted a whooping



A rarely seen whooping crane, similar to the one pictured here, was spotted earlier this month in the Sloughs Wildlife Management Area in western Henderson County.

crane in western Henderson County several weeks ago, according to Mike Morton, area supervisor/biologist for the Sloughs Wildlife Management Area.

Morton himself spotted the whooping crane — his first ever — a week later on Dec. 7, identifying the specimen with a spotting scope.

"It was close to five feet tall," he said.

"It was a banded bird with a radio pack" that was probably released about four years ago, Morton said.

See CRANE, 8A

# Fiscal cliff now just four days from reality

Obama calls meeting with top lawmakers

**By David Espo**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will meet with congressional leaders at the White House today in search of a compromise to avoid a year-end "fiscal cliff" of across-the-board tax increases and deep spending cuts.

The development capped a day of growing urgency. Obama returned early from a Hawaiian vacation while lawmakers snarled across a partisan divide, leaders in each party blaming the other for an episode of government gridlock that threatens the economy with a new recession.

Adding to the woes confronting the middle class was a pending spike of \$2 per gallon or more in milk prices if lawmakers failed to pass farm legislation by year's end.

Four days before the deadline, the White House disputed reports that Obama was sending lawmakers a scaled-down plan to avoid the fiscal cliff of tax increases and spending cuts.

Administration officials confirmed the meeting at the White House in a bare-bones announcement that said the president would "host a meeting."

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner quickly issued a statement that said the Ohio Republican would attend and "continue to stress that the House has already passed legislation to avert the entire fiscal cliff and now the Senate must act."

Top Senate leaders said they remain ready to seek a last-minute agreement. Yet there was no legislation pending and no sign of negotiations in either the House or the Senate on a bill to prevent the tax hikes and spending cuts that economists say could send the economy into a recession.

Far from conciliatory, the rhetoric was confrontational and at times unusually personal.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., accused House Speaker John Boehner of running a dictatorship, citing his refusal to call a vote on legislation to keep taxes steady for most while letting them rise at upper incomes. The bill "would pass overwhelmingly," Reid predicted, and said the Ohio Republican won't change his mind because he fears it might cost him re-election as speaker when the new Congress convenes next week.

Boehner seems "to care more about keeping his speakership than keeping the nation on a firm financial footing," he said in remarks on the Senate floor.

A few hours later, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., expressed frustration and blamed the standoff on Obama and the Democrats. "Republicans have bent over backwards. We stepped way, way out of our comfort zone," he said, referring to GOP offers to accept higher tax rates on some taxpayers.

"We wanted an agree-

See CLIFF, 8A

# Teague case is featured in KSP deck of cards

**Gleaner staff**

One of Henderson County's biggest mysteries has top rank in the Kentucky State Police's deck of cards representing unsolved cases.

The KSP is renewing efforts to solve unsolved cases by asking the public for assistance with leads, and in 2010 it distributed more than 8,000 decks of playing cards to prisons across Kentucky depicting unsolved case information. The deck of cards highlighted 52 unsolved Kentucky homicide or missing person cases. Since that time, three of those cases have been solved.

The ace of spades depicts Heather

Teague, a 23-year-old Clay woman who was kidnapped Aug. 26, 1995, while sunbathing in the Scuffletown area across from Newburgh. She has not been seen since, although a suspect committed suicide while law enforcement officials attempted to serve a search warrant on his home.

The Teague case is the only one from the Tri-county area to be featured in the card deck.

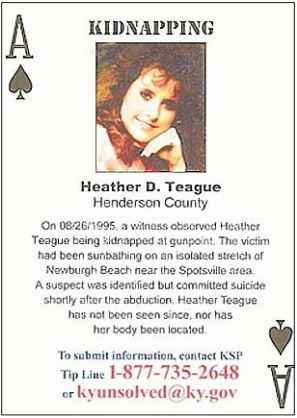
KSP hopes that sharing information with the public again will provide fresh leads that can help solve such cases and bring closure to families.

Trooper Michael Webb reviews leads as they come in and disseminates information to local KSP posts.

"We have received hundreds of tips in the past two years that we hope will lead to more cases being solved," Webb said. "Not only do these tips assist with solving cases, they sometimes provide additional information about other criminal activity taking place."

KSP has placed copies of the complete deck of cards on its website at [http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/unsolved\\_cases.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/unsolved_cases.htm).

The public can submit tips to the KSP via email at [kyunsolved@ky.gov](mailto:kyunsolved@ky.gov) or via a toll-free line where tips can remain anonymous at 877-735-2648.



Heather Teague is in an unsolved cases deck of cards.

# Ordinary folks losing faith in markets

**By Bernard Condon**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andrew Neitlich is the last person you'd expect to be rattled by the stock market.

He once worked as a financial analyst picking stocks for a mutual fund. He has huddled with dozens of CEOs in his current career as an executive coach. During the dot-com crash 12 years ago, he kept his wits and did not sell.

But he's selling now.

"You have to trust your government. You have to trust other governments. You have to trust Wall Street," says Neitlich, 47. "And I don't trust any of these."

Defying decades of investment history, ordinary Americans are selling stocks for a fifth year in a row. The selling has not let up despite unprecedented measures by the Federal Reserve to persuade people to buy and the comethier allure of a levitating market. Stock prices have doubled from March 2009, their low point in the Great Recession.

See INVESTOR, 8A

# Christmas tree recycling now available

**Gleaner staff**

Had it up to here with Christmas? Can't wait to start re-decorating with a little less red and green?

Christmas trees may be recycled by dropping them off at Newman Recreational Complex located on Sand Lane in the southwest parking lot past the soccer complex now through Jan. 7.

The city Parks and Recreation Department chips and mulches old Christmas trees for use in the city parks.

Signs will be posted directing where to drop off trees.

Remove all tinsel and ornaments before donating the tree so it will not contaminate the mulch.

Those with questions may call the city

Parks and Recreation office at 831-1274.

If you want to leave your Christmas tree up past Jan. 7, yet still want to recycle it, you can always take it to the brush pile maintained at the Henderson County Road Garage off of Airline Road on Sam Ball Way.

"We accept brush at all times," said Lisa Pfingston, the county's director of parks and programs.

"We always have our brush pile and we can always take them if they are 6 inches in diameter or less.

"They have to off-load them themselves because we don't have the manpower to keep at that brush pile."

Hours at the Road Garage are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and it will be closed New Year's Day.

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Cloudy today. A mix of rain and snow arrives this afternoon before changing over to all snow during the night. Lingering snow early Saturday.

Full forecast, 8B

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Deaths

Johnny Adams

Johnny Adams, 65, Henderson, died at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Evansville.

He was a member of Hyland Baptist Church. He retired from the United States Air Force after 23 years active duty and 2 ½ years active reserves. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Good Conduct Medals with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal and Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

After retiring from the Air Force, Johnny had worked at the Kentucky Lottery for five years and at Gibbs Die Casting for five years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and fishing. His grandchildren were his greatest delight.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Carolyn; two daughters, Amanda Redding and her husband, Jeff, of Evansville and Melody Aldinger and her husband, Robert, of Kutztown, Pa.; one sister, Mary Havener of Owensboro; one brother, Palmer Adams of Owensboro; four grandchildren, Elijah, Jackson, Olivia and Charlotte; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Rev. Kenny Kidd will officiate. Burial will be at noon Wednesday in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday and from noon until service time Sunday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Red Cross Cardinal Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Big Brothers of Evansville and Hyland Baptist Church.



Contributions to Hindman First Baptist Church in Hindman or Henderson Baptist Church.

**Raymond Eugene Lofton**

MORGANFIELD – Raymond Eugene Lofton, 78, Morganfield, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Colonial Terrace Nursing Home in Sebree.

He was a Kentucky Colonel and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce French Lofton; his parents, Martin Iley Lofton and Anna Elizabeth Tinsley Lofton; and one son, Mark Allen Lofton.

Survivors include one daughter, Arletta Bickett of Morganfield; two sons, Ray Lofton of Morganfield and Wayne Lofton of Henderson; two sisters, Ona Buckman of Uniontown and Jean Cunningham of Morganfield; one brother, Finnie Lofton of Morganfield; nine grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield. The Rev. Freddie Byrd will officiate. Burial will be in St. Ann Cemetery in Morganfield.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday and after 11 a.m. Sunday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, where prayers will be said at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to John Paul II School.

**Wendy Ann Shepherd**

DIXON – Wendy Ann Shepherd, 41, Dixon, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at her home.

She was an RN in the NICU at the Women’s Hospital in Newburgh. She was a member of Webb Memorial United Methodist Church in Clay.

Survivors include her husband of 10 ½ years, Brian Shepherd; three daughters, Hope Shepherd, Paige Shepherd and Brooke Shepherd, all at home; her mother, Kathryn Wessinger of Sturgis; and her grandmother, Verna O. Tisdale of Fort Collins, Colo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Webb Memorial United Methodist Church in Clay. Brother David Harting and Brother Michael Sweeney will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Dixon.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony’s Hospice, 2410 S. Green St., Henderson, KY 42420.

Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon is in charge of arrangements.

**John David Fleming**

BENTON – John David Fleming, 68, Benton, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at his home.

He was a member of Hardin Baptist Church in Hardin, Ky., and was president of the Communications Workers of America, Local 3315, where he served 27 years as president.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene Fleming and Emma Frances Carpenter Fleming.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jayne Nicholson Fleming; three daughters, Rebecca Gene Johnson and Laurie Jayne Hilbrecht, both of Fairdealing, Ky., and Mary Ellen Foley of Symsonia, Ky.; one sister, Gloria Gene Sierra of Fairdealing; one brother, William Hurley Fleming of Fairdealing; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of the Collier Funeral Home in Benton. Brother Ricky Cunningham will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Kenton Cemetery in Paducah.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**Margaret O’Nan**

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. – Margaret O’Nan, 96, Hendersonville, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond O’Nan; her parents, George and Leathie Burris Alexander; and one son, Timothy O’Nan.

Survivors include one niece and caregiver, Gail Stroud; one sister, Betty Polsgrove; nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Schoppenhorst Underwood Brooks Funeral Home, Preston Highway at Brooks Road, Shepherdsville, Ky. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Louisville.

Friends may call after 9 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Alive Hospice, 441 Donelson Pike, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37214.

**Margie Estella McKinney Quinn**

DURHAM, N.C. – Margie Estella McKinney Quinn, 86, Durham, formerly of Sturgis, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012.

She was employed by Methodist Hospital Union County dietary department. She was also a charter member of St. Francis Borgia in Sturgis.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Kenneth, who died in January 2000; and her parents, Emma Rhetti Burklow and Aubrey Edgeworth McKinney.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Quinn Owen of Durham; one son, Steven Kenneth Quinn of Morganfield; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. The Rev. Terry Divine will officiate. Burial will be at St. Ambrose Cemetery near Sturgis.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to John Paul II School.

Jewell Deane Seals

Jewell Deane Seals, 76, Robards, formerly of Knott County, Ky., passed away Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at her home in Robards.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1936, to Delzie Bowen and Arminta Madden Bowen.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Pirtle and her husband, Greg; one son, Dave Gaunce and his wife, Dronda; one sister, Peggy Fannin; and five grandchildren, Gabe Pirtle, Keli Gaunce, Denae Gaunce, Corey Hall and Corteney Hall.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel in Hindman. Mike Caudill will officiate. Burial will be at Carr Fork Memorial at Litt Carr, Ky.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contri-



Funerals

Evelyn “Nan” Melton

Services for Evelyn “Nan” Melton, 67, Henderson, who died Wednesday, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield. The Rev. Freddie Byrd will officiate. Burial will be in Smith Mills Cemetery in Smith Mills.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and after 10 a.m. Saturday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, where prayers will be said at 6 p.m. today.

Robert Haire Jr.

Services for Robert Haire Jr., 83, Reed, who died Tuesday, will be at 10 a.m. today at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Brother J.W. Haire will officiate. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery with Brother Jerry Francis officiating and full military rites performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40.

Friends may call after 8 a.m. today at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by the parents who raised him, Johnny and Mayme Beals.

Hobart F. Howell Jr.

Services for Hobart F. Howell Jr., 87, who died Monday, will be at noon today at Alexander West Chapel in Evansville. Burial will be in Alexander Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Lucile Shepard Matthews

Services for Lucile Shepard Matthews, 95, Evansville, who died Sunday, will be at noon Saturday at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. Rabon L. Turner will officiate, and the Rev. Anthony Brooks will serve as the eulogist. Burial will be in Fernwood Cemetery.

A repast will be at the church following burial services.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at the church, where wake services will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Mason Brothers Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**Frank Cummings Jr.**

Services for Frank Cummings Jr., 93, Delphi, Ind., who died Saturday, will be at 11 a.m. today at Grace Community Baptist Church in Monticello, Ind. Pastor Gary Roberts will officiate. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. today at the church.

Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi is in charge of arrangements.

Charles David “Chuck” Tolson

A Celebration of Life for Charles David “Chuck” Tolson, Columbus, Ind., who died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, will be at 11 a.m. EST Saturday at First Christian Church in Vincennes, Ind.

Myer-Reed Funeral Home in Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

Lotteries

**POWERBALL**  
**Wednesday**  
**Powerball:** 11-13-23-43-54  
**Powerball:** 4  
**Powerball Jackpot:** \$40 million

**KENTUCKY**  
**Pick 4-midday:** 4-5-6-5  
**Pick 3-midday:** 7-7-3  
**Wednesday**  
**Cash Ball:** 17-22-28-31-  
**Cash ball:** 28  
**Kicker:** 2-4-4-0-2  
**5 Card Cash:** 5C-QC-5D-9H-3D  
**Pick 4-evening:** 6-6-8-1  
**Pick 3-evening:** 4-4-2

**INDIANA**  
**Daily 4-midday:** 0-7-2-5  
**Daily 3-midday:** 1-3-4

**Wednesday**  
**Cash 5:** 4-6-20-26-29

**Daily 4-evening:** 1-5-4-4  
**Daily 3-evening:** 8-5-1  
**Lotto:** 3-7-27-36-43-47  
**Lotto Jackpot:** \$2.5 million

**ILLINOIS**  
**Pick 4-midday:** 8-6-0-0  
**Pick 3-midday:** 1-2-7  
**My 3-midday:** 3-0-0  
**Wednesday**  
**Lotto:** 3-5-14-17-33-52  
**Extra Shot:** 19  
**Lucky Day Lotto:** 3-7-9-22-38  
**Pick 4-evening:** 2-9-4-8  
**Pick 3-evening:** 3-2-3  
**My 3-evening:** 2-8-5  
**Lotto jackpot:** \$2.6 million

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Lottery players are encouraged to double-check their numbers at the outlet where they purchased the ticket or at any official lottery outlet.

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# Local & Regional

## Parent program shown to aid children's health

### ■ HANDS available in all 120 counties

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Recent studies show a Kentucky program that has traditionally worked with first-time parents improves the health and development of their children.

Health Access Nurturing Development Services, or HANDS, started as a pilot program in 1998 as a way to combat child abuse.

Now the program is in all 120 Kentucky counties and has served more than 60,000 families since 2000.

The Lexington Herald-Leader

reports research at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville has found that HANDS participants have 32 percent fewer pre-term births than similar populations. They also have a 70 percent lower overall infant mortality and 50 percent fewer emergency room visits.

Babies in the program have fewer developmental delays. And mothers are more likely to complete or further their education and to breast-feed their babies.

Cuban immigrant Tocado Conception signed up to partici-

pate in the program in Lexington when she became pregnant more than two years ago. Since then, Ada Hildago has been a regular visitor with the family. Conception says with few family members in the area, Hildago provided needed advice.

"She's like our grandmother," she said. "I would recommend it to anyone."

The program has been so successful that it was recently expanded to non-first-time parents.

A UK study showed that some health outcomes, such as premature births, improve after a HANDS worker visits just once.

"The fact that we show positive outcomes with just one or

more visits is a strength in itself," said Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd, director of Maternal and Child Health for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The overall goal is "to have a healthy, safe and nurturing environment," Shepherd said. "This is the most critical time in a child's life, and it will set the stage for the rest of that child's life."

HANDS program director Brenda English says HANDS workers visit once a week until a child turns one, then visits once or twice a month for another year. The voluntary program is free for participants.

"The first 1,000 days lays the foundation for their life," Eng-

lish said. "We talk about everything from prenatal care, to care after the baby's born, feeding, nutrition, home safety and attachment and bonding, which is one of the most critical things for a parent and a child."

Moni Shields, a team leader with HANDS for the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, said workers follow an early-childhood development curriculum, but often are called on to help with a multitude of issues, including finding appropriate child care and car seats.

"What we say is that every parent needs a second set of hands and that really is true," Shields said. "We act as a sup-

### Time for some snow fun



Concepcion Chavez, originally from Tampa, Fla., pushes a wheel barrel of snow blocks Wednesday to his family's home to build an igloo in Terre Haute, Ind.

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## Parts of Madison Street closed for sewer work

By Frank Boyett

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270-831-8342

Madison Street between Atkinson and Letcher streets will be partially closed to traffic today — and possibly through the weekend — because of sewer line work, according to the Henderson Water Utility.

HWU is paying Scott & Ritter of Bowling Green \$3.57 million to build a 30-inch main from the Drury Lane wastewater plant to a new pump station at Burdette and Roosevelt streets.

The main will carry sewage about 3.5 miles.

The contractor began crossing Madison Street Thursday and will continue today.

The work had been scheduled earlier but was delayed a couple of times, and it could be further delayed if weather doesn't cooperate.

"It possibly will be closed through the weekend," said Tom Williams, HWU direc-

tor of engineering.

The work will take place at the intersection of Shelby Street, but Madison Street will be closed for two blocks between Letcher and Atkinson streets.

A detour is being provided on Atkinson, Young and Letcher streets.

Local traffic will be allowed, but HWU otherwise is requesting motorists to obey the "Road closed" signs in the vicinity of the sewer line crossing.

Commercial truck traffic should use a different detour than that described by on-site signs.

Truck traffic heading west on Kentucky 136 should take Kentucky 285 south to U.S. 41-Alternate and continue north to the Kentucky 136/U.S. 41-Alternate intersection.

Truck traffic heading east on Kentucky 136 should take Kentucky 136 west to U.S. 41-Alternate, continue south to Kentucky 425, and then continue south on Kentucky 425 to U.S. 41.

### Briefs

### Two fatal crashes weather-related

DRY RIDGE, Ky. — Kentucky State Police say a winter storm has contributed to two fatal crashes in the state.

Police say a northern Kentucky crash that killed a Corbin woman was weather-related, marking the first confirmed state death from a storm that has killed a dozen people nationwide.

Trooper David P. Jones says 28-year-old Nora Green died Wednesday following a crash on Interstate 75 about 1 p.m. EST after her husband, Jacob Evens, lost control of the car he was driving.

Trooper Howard P. Blanton says the weather also contributed to a fatal crash in Garrard County. Police say 33-year-old Jason Grizzell of Lexington was traveling north on U.S. 27 when his vehicle crossed the center line and hit another one head-on.

Rain, sleet and snow fell across much of Kentucky on Wednesday.

### Police: Fatal shooting during robbery attempt

HAZARD, Ky. — Kentucky State Police say a fatal Christmas Day shooting happened during a robbery attempt.

Trooper Tony Watts told WYMT-TV that two men went to a residence at a mobile home park on the Knott-Perry County line asking for gasoline. Police say 61-year-old Ricky Sweet went to get some, and when he got back the men pulled out a gun and tried to rob him.

Police say that's when

Sweet pulled a gun out of his pocket and fired, hitting one of the men. The suspects fired back, hitting Sweet.

Police say one suspect died at the scene, and they are still trying to identify the second man.

Sweet was taken to University of Kentucky Hospital.

No charges have been filed. Police say the shooting remains under investigation.

### Police sergeant finds 22 horses in his front yard

OWINGSVILLE, Ky. — Police in Bath County are looking for the owner of 22 horses who showed up in the front yard of a state police sergeant.

Police told WKYT-TV that they contacted local farmers after the horses turned up on Tuesday night. None of the farmers have claimed ownership of the animals.

Anyone with information about the horses can call the state police at (606)-784-4127.

### New program aims for healthier teen relationships

LOUISVILLE — A new program in Louisville aims to help teens have healthy

relationships.

National statistics show one in three teens will experience emotional or physical violence while dating.

And according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teens that experience dating violence are more likely to do poorly in school, binge drink, attempt suicide and get into fights.

The Courier-Journal reports PACT in Action was formed earlier this year with the idea of training teens to help themselves and their peers avoid dangerous and abusive relationships.

### EPA: Cleaner air in Ashland area

ASHLAND, Ky. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the air quality has improved significantly in the area around Ashland.

The federal agency this week has re-designated Boyd County and a portion of Lawrence County to "attainment" for fine particle pollution.

In January, the state's Division for Air Quality submitted a request for the EPA to recognize the area as meeting the annual standard for fine particulate matter. The standard measures microscopic

particles or droplets that are hazardous to human health because they can easily be inhaled deep into lungs.

Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters says the new designation benefits the region's economic development by eliminating the need for stricter air permitting requirements.

### Police: KKK painted stop signs

PINEVILLE — Police in eastern Kentucky say they are investigating after the same graffiti — the letters KKK — showed up on all the stop signs in one Bell County neighborhood.

Police Chief Charles Matthews told WYMT-TV that officers are searching for the people responsible.

"We're not sure who done it, or why they did it. The graffiti is three K's, which is normally associated with the Klan, but we're not sure if it was them or someone else," Matthews said.

Matthews says the stop signs will be replaced.

"We're going to put new signs up in place of those. It just takes a little time to get those in, especially during the holidays and weather," he said.

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# Opinion



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## Editorial

# Fellowship could ease divisions in Congress

’Tis the season for departing members of Congress to make their final statements about what they’ve learned and what they regret most. A remarkable number of legislators departed at the end of this session. According to Roll Call, which keeps tabs on the 535 members of the Senate and House for the two-year term that ends this month, a whopping 221 legislators retired, resigned, were defeated or changed jobs. Two died.

Among those who are leaving, willingly or unwillingly, the unfailing theme is sadness over the loss of civility and courtliness in Congress. Because of the demands of travel and fundraising, House and Senate members arrive in Washington on Tuesdays and leave on Thursdays. That means very few of them socialize on weekends or even know their colleagues’ families, hobbies, backgrounds and interests.

Ironically, candidates and their backers spent more than \$3 billion trying to win House and Senate seats this year. The exact amount won’t be available until all the bookkeeping is done. But we already know one Senate race in Massachusetts cost at least \$85 million. The Senate race in Virginia cost \$81 million.

This is a lose-lose situation. The more money that is spent, the more that is required and the more time legislators spend raising money instead of enjoying their jobs.

We think there should be a House and Senate requirement that members attend a mandatory monthly barbecue or picnic or potluck. Spending face time with co-workers works for most of the rest of us. Why not Congress?

## OTHER VIEWS

# Elected officials should make decisions on public smoking

From The Daily Independent, Ashland, Ky.

By a 2-1 vote, the Kentucky Court of Appeals has ruled an unelected county board of health can impose a smoking ban without the approval of the county fiscal court or any city councils or city commissions in a county.

If it stands on appeal, the decision could greatly expand the number of counties in the state that restrict smoking in public.

That would not bother us one bit except for how it is done.

Currently, countywide smoking restrictions are in place in 12 of Kentucky’s 120 counties.... The elected members of the fiscal courts in the 12 counties restricting smoking have done so by approving ordinances. That’s the way it should be. ...

In its ruling, the court of appeals said state law gives health boards the authority to impose regulations or ordinances involving public health.

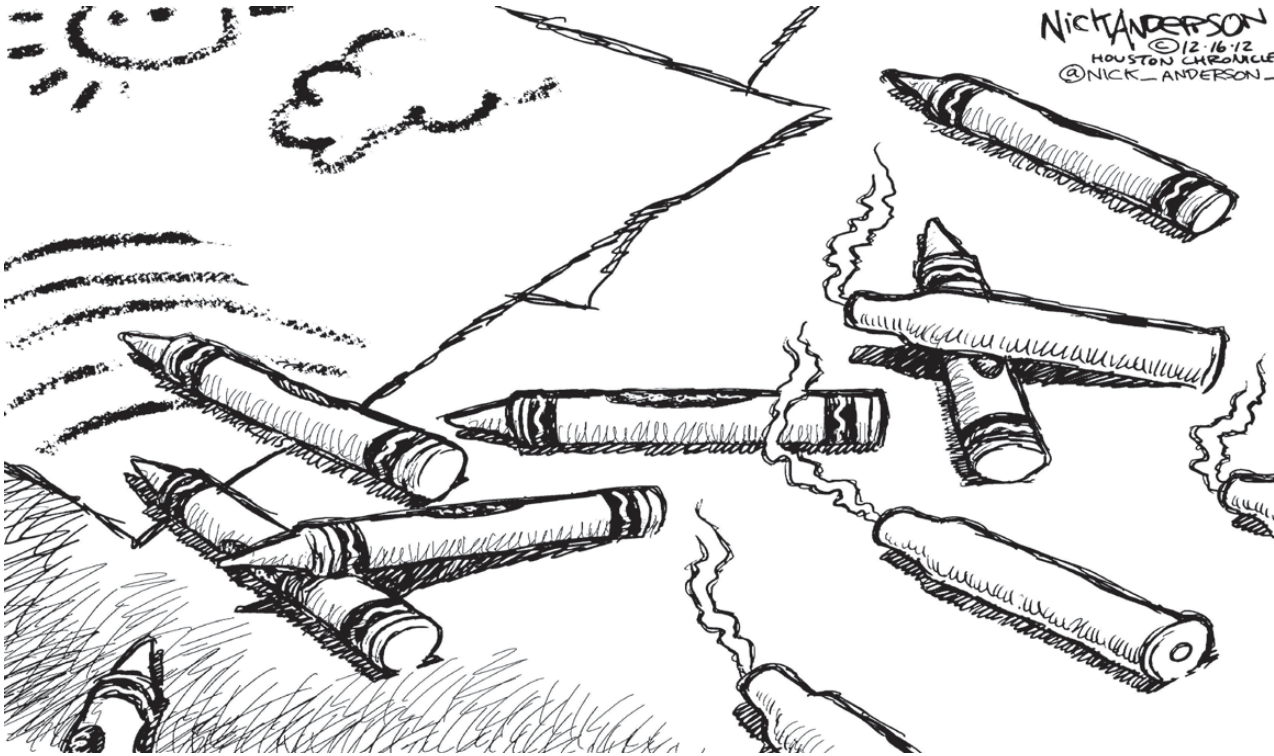
We support restrictions on public smoking and wish more area cities and counties would follow the

lead of the Ashland Board of City Commissioners in approving a restriction that has made dining in restaurants in Ashland much more pleasant and healthy.

Despite the threats of opponents of the Ashland ordinance to work to defeat those commissioners supporting the smoking restrictions, the ordinance had no noticeable impact the next time commissioners faced city voters. All were re-elected, and the smoking ban was not even an issue during the campaign.

That’s not surprising. ... While there is no question smoking is a health issue, we don’t think legislators ever intended the unelected members of boards of health to have the power to restrict smoking in public.

Even if the Kentucky Supreme Court agrees with the appeals court when its ruling is appealed, as it surely will be, decisions on public smoking still should be left up to elected officials, not to appointed boards whose members most voters do not even know and have no way of influencing.



# No proposal flawless in safeguarding Americans



COLUMNIST

and commitment. A quarter century before that, a young student named David Keene was so inspired that he quit the University of Wisconsin to work on Goldwater’s ill-fated 1964 presidential campaign. Keene eventually became head of the American Conservative Union and later became president of the National Rifle Association.

Meanwhile, the semi-automatic weapons with huge magazine clips have become weapons of choice for deranged killers who slaughtered students in Columbine High School in 1999, Connecticut’s Sandy Hook Elementary just days ago, as well as people in malls and movie theaters.

The federal government once banned sales of some assault weapons, but left loopholes permitting sales of others. Then Washington would prove itself gutless, as senators and representatives let the ban expire, fearing attacks by the NRA. Goldwater once championed.

Last week, in the Washington merry-go-round spirit of what goes around

comes around, it was Keene who convened a nationally televised event where the NRA advocated arming America with those semi-automatics that Keene’s hero, Goldwater, once decried.

Keene had billed the event as a news conference, but opened it by announcing it would be a no-questions news conference. That left the Washington press corps performing in a somewhat reduced role of NRA wallpaper. Then NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre entered to lambaste journalists for not doing their jobs properly.

The NRA advocated arming good Americans so they can outgun bad Americans — and left loudly unmentioned the notion of re-instituting a ban on assault weapons sales.

It is at this point in this column that you are probably expecting a full-blown fusillade against the nutty notions of gun nuts — but we are not going there. Because the truth is that the NRA has a point.

The NRA says: (A) Evil-doers with guns blazing are more likely to attack where they know they will not encounter armed guards — so we must better safeguard schools and other public places; and (B) Banning legal sales of assault weapons won’t guarantee that bad people

will not obtain those deadliest weapons.

NRA critics say: (C) We must ban semi-automatic weapons for private use; and (D) Ban those ammunition magazines which enable them to fire 30 bullets and more without reloading.

The correct answer — the only answer — to safeguard our communities must be all the above. But we dare not implement our solutions with our eyes wide shut.

We must understand, for example, that turning schools into amateur vigilante outposts, with teachers armed and guns locked in desks, will probably lead to accidental shootings. And will probably result, as well, in some guns falling into hands of students who break into locked desks.

The NRA’s new true believers seem to have forgotten the guiding principles and wisdom of those who were once its conscience.

And all of us need to recall forgotten lessons. For example: In 1999, Columbine High School was protected by an armed, trained guard. He traded shots with the killers, but couldn’t prevent the slaughter.

In safeguarding America, no proposal will be flawless. But we dare not dismiss any ideas — even those of our political adversaries — with our old politics as usual.

# Holiday brightens with unexpected arrivals

## REG HENRY

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here quick!” I threw on a pair of sweatpants, not knowing whether I might have to punch Santa Claus in the nose or give him milk and cookies.

But what to my wondering eyes should appear but my daughter Allison.

Wait! That couldn’t be true. Allison lives in Sydney, Australia, with her husband and their daughter Matilda, known as Tillie. It’s at least a 20-hour trip on a couple of flights to Pittsburgh. We thought they were going to have Christmas in Australia.

Then I saw Tillie; her cheeks were like roses, her nose like a cherry and she would be a right jolly elf if only she weren’t screaming from all the grandmotherly shrieks that marked her entrance.

Lisa was a co-conspirator to keep the visit secret, and in the middle of the night drove them home from the airport.

Surprise, surprise! It wasn’t until I kissed Allison and felt a real cheek that I was sure I wasn’t dreaming.

The only sadness is that Allison’s husband could not make the trip from Sydney because he works in retail and the shopping must proceed regardless of geography. Critter, as he is universally known, is a good father.

As the grandfatherly duty officer for this trip, I am trying to fill the vacuum as best I can. One of my favorite tasks is to read to Tillie. She is particularly fond of a book called “Snuggle Puppy.” It takes the form of a love poem or song and, as I read it, I think I am the old dog and Tillie is the snuggle puppy.

Ah, there’s nothing like a real book. When Tillie grows up, or even when she grows from tiny to small over the next few months, she may be beckoned by Pied Piper technology and find her books on an iPad or Kindle. E-books are all well and good, but can they survive an attack of Rice Krispies

and scrunched banana that babies use to express their appreciation? I think not.

I have another reservation about electronic books.

It is hard to write a dedication on them. The other day, I was going through our bookcase, so ordered by a higher authority to thin the ranks of books — my paper friends — in the interest of eliminating the dreaded domestic clutter.

There I came across “The Coral Island” by R.M. Ballantyne, the first non-picture book I ever owned, given to me by my parents.

It was a tip-top boy’s yarn about pirates. On the first blank page, my mother had written in her frail hand “Happy Christmas Reggie from Mother & Dad, Christmas ’56.”

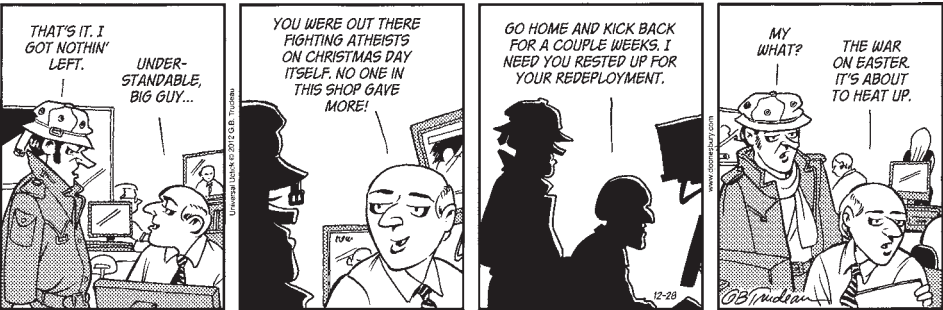
Before she leaves, I want to give Tillie a signed, old-fashioned book. “Thank you and your mom for making this our best Christmas ever, your old dog Papa, Christmas 2012.”

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# Nation & World

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**The Water Tower in Chicago** and a nearby pumping station were the only two buildings downtown that survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

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## EPA administrator resigns post

### ■ Ex-chiefs: Jackson dealt with agency's worst opposition

By Kevin Freking  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, the Obama administration's chief environmental watchdog, is stepping down after nearly four years marked by high-profile brawls over global warming pollution, the Keystone XL oil pipeline, new controls on coal-fired plants and several other hot-button issues that affect the nation's economy and people's health.

Jackson constantly found herself caught between administration pledges to solve thorny environmen-

tal problems and steady resistance from Republicans and industrial groups who complained that the agency's rules destroyed jobs and made it harder for American companies to compete internationally.

The GOP chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan, said last year that Jackson would need her own parking spot at the Capitol because he planned to bring her in so frequently for questioning. Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney called for her firing, a stance that had little downside during the GOP primary.

Jackson, 50, the agency's first black administrator and a chemical engineer, did not point to any particular reason for her departure. Historically, Cabinet members looking to move on will leave at the beginning

of a president's second term.

Despite the opposition, which former EPA chiefs have said is the worst they have seen against the agency, Jackson still managed to take significant steps that will improve air quality and begin to curb global warming.

"I will leave the EPA confident the ship is sailing in the right direction, and ready in my own life for new challenges, time with my family and new opportunities to make a difference," she said in a statement. Jackson will leave sometime after President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address, typically in late January.

In a separate statement, Obama said Jackson has been "an important part of my team." He thanked her for serving and praised her "unwavering commitment" to the public's health.

## Snowstorm continues through Northeast

By Holly Ramer  
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A muted version of a winter storm that has killed more than a dozen people across the eastern half of the country plodded across the Northeast on Thursday, trapping airliners in snow or mud and frustrating travelers still trying to return home after Christmas.

The storm, which was blamed for at least 16 deaths farther south and west, brought plenty of wind, rain and snow to the Northeast when it blew in Wednesday night.

Lights generally remained on and cars mostly stayed on the road, unlike many harder-hit places including Arkansas, where 200,000 homes and businesses lost power.



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A vehicle stands abandoned facing in the wrong direction Thursday as traffic flows around floodwaters on Route 35 in Keyport, N.J., where an overnight storm caused coastal flooding. Gusts of more than 70 mph were recorded along the coast.

The Northeast's heaviest snowfall was expected to be in northern Pennsylvania, upstate New York and inland sections of several New England states before the storm heads into Canada today, National Weather Service spokesman David Roth said.

While the East Coast's largest cities — New York,

Philadelphia and Boston — had mostly high winds and cold rain, other areas experienced a messy mix of rain and snow that slowed commuters and those still heading home from holiday trips.

Some inbound flights were delayed in Philadelphia and New York's LaGuardia, but the weather

wasn't leading to delays at other major East Coast airports.

On New York's Long Island, a Southwest Airlines jet bound for Tampa, Fla., veered off a taxiway and got stuck in mud Thursday morning.

Officials said there were no injuries to the 129 passengers and five crew members.

## Around the world

### SYRIA

### U.N., Moscow call for revival of peace plan

Russia and the U.N. called Thursday for the resuscitation of a peace initiative for Syria that never got off the ground when it was proposed months ago because both parties to the conflict rejected it.

The plan, unveiled by world powers at an international conference in Geneva in June, called for an open-ended cease-fire, a transitional government to run the country until elections, and the drafting of a new constitution. The plan was a non-starter for the opposition because it did not explicitly ban authoritarian President Bashar Assad and other members of his regime from taking part in the transitional leadership.

The regime ignored it because it would entail voluntarily giving up power.

There was no sign that the plan had any more chance of succeeding now than it did back in June. Assad's government did not comment on the attempt to revive the proposal, and a coordinator for the rebels seeking to end Assad's rule called the plan "illogical."

### SOUTH AFRICA

### Mandela close to medical care at home

JOHANNESBURG — The doctors treating former South African leader Nelson Mandela believe he should remain in Johannesburg for now to be close to medical facilities that can provide care to the 94-year-old, the government said Thursday.

Mandela left a hospital Wednesday evening after nearly three weeks of treatment there, and was brought to his home in the

Johannesburg neighborhood of Houghton. The anti-apartheid icon, also known by his clan name, Madiba, has spent more time in recent years in the rural village of Qunu in Eastern Cape province, where he grew up.

Mandela's grandson, Mandla Mandela, said he hopes "it won't be too long before he's with us back in Qunu, where he belongs," but acknowledged that the doctors' assessment is critical to any decision to travel.

### CHINA

### Leaders tighten control of Internet

BEIJING — China's new Communist leaders are increasing already-tight controls on Internet use and electronic publishing following a spate of embarrassing online reports about official abuses.

The measures suggest China's new leader, Xi Jinping, and others who took power in November share their predecessors' anxiety about the Internet's potential to spread opposition to one-party rule and their insistence on controlling information despite promises of more economic reforms. This week, China's legislature took up a measure to require Internet users to register their real names, a move that would curtail the Web's status as a free-wheeling forum to complain, often anonymously, about corruption and official abuses.

The legislature scheduled a news conference Friday to discuss the measure, suggesting it was expected to be approved.

That comes amid reports Beijing might be disrupting use of software that allows Web surfers to see sites abroad that are blocked by its extensive Internet filters.

### Wire reports



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A flower vendor reads a newspaper Thursday in Cairo. The official approval of Egypt's disputed constitution held out little hope of stabilizing the country, and President Mohammed Morsi now may face a more immediate crisis with the economy falling deeper into distress.

## Egypt's opposition leaders being investigated for treason

By Sarah El Deeb  
Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's chief prosecutor ordered an investigation Thursday into allegations that opposition leaders committed treason by inciting supporters to overthrow Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

The probe by a Morsi-appointed prosecutor was launched a day after the president called for a dialogue with the opposition to heal rifts opened in the bitter fight over an Islamist-drafted constitution just approved in a referendum. The opposition decried the investigation as a throwback to Hosni Mubarak's regime, when the law was used to smear and silence opponents.

The probe was almost certain to sour the already tense political atmosphere in the country.

The allegations were made initially in a complaint by at least two lawyers sent to the chief prosecutor earlier this month. They targeted opposition leaders Mohamed ElBaradei, a Nobel Peace laureate and former head of the U.N. nuclear agency, former Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and Hamdeen Sabahi. Both Moussa and Sabahi were presidential candidates who competed against Morsi in the last election.

There was no immediate comment by any of the three opposition leaders named but the opposition dismissed the allegations.

Emad Abu Ghazi, secretary-general of the opposition party ElBaradei heads, said the investigation was "an indication of a tendency toward a police state and the attempt to eliminate political opponents." He said the ousted Mubarak regime

dealt with the opposition in the same way.

Mubarak jailed his opponents, including liberals and Islamists. International rights groups said their trials did not meet basic standards of fairness.

ElBaradei was a leading figure behind the uprising against Mubarak and at one point, he was allied with the Brotherhood against the old regime.

The investigation does not necessarily mean charges will be filed against the leaders. But it is unusual for state prosecutors to investigate such broad charges against high-profile figures.

Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected president, asked the opposition Wednesday to join a national dialogue to heal rifts and move on after a month of huge street protests against him and the constitution drafted by his allies.

## Across the nation

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Schatz sworn in as senator for Hawaii

WASHINGTON — Brian Schatz symbolized a generational change in Hawaii's Senate delegation, taking the hand of his new colleague, 88-year-old Sen. Daniel Akaka, moments before being sworn in Thursday as the successor to the late Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye.

Vice President Joe Biden administered the oath of office in a chamber peopled by a dozen Democratic senators and a handful of Republicans.

As he walked up the center aisle to meet Biden, Schatz, 40, took Akaka's hand and helped the frail Democratic senator, who is retiring, stay at his side.

Schatz had flown to Washington hours earlier on Air Force One with President Barack Obama. Democratic Gov. Neil Abercrombie named Schatz, who had been lieutenant governor, to succeed Inouye. Inouye died last week of respiratory complications at age 88.

The selection went against the dying wishes of Inouye, who is revered in Hawaii politics. He had wanted Rep. Colleen Hanabusa to succeed him.

Schatz is a former state representative and one-time chairman of the state Democratic Party who ran Obama's 2008 campaign in Hawaii.

### NEW YORK

### Dock workers threaten to strike

NEW YORK — In just a few days, a walkout by thousands of dock workers could bring commerce to a near standstill at every major port from Boston to Houston, potentially delivering a big blow to

retailers and manufacturers still struggling to find their footing in a weak economy.

More than 14,000 long-shoremen are threatening to go on strike Sunday — a wide-ranging work stoppage that would immediately close cargo ports on the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico to container ships.

The 15 ports involved in the labor dispute move more than 100 million tons of goods each year, or about 40 percent of the nation's containerized cargo traffic. Losing them to a shutdown, even for a few days, could cost the economy billions of dollars.

Shipments of such varied products as flat-screen TVs, sneakers and snow shovels would either sit idle at sea or get rerouted, at great time and expense. U.S. factories also rely on container ships for parts and raw materials, meaning supply lines for all sorts of products could be squeezed.

### VERMONT

### Man gets DUI after driving on lawn

DORSET — Vermont State Police say a man faces a drunken driving charge after driving onto the lawn of a historic home once owned by the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Police say 55-year-old Donald Blood III, of Marlborough, Mass., was ordered to appear in court in Bennington on Jan. 14.

Police say Blood thought he was driving into a parking lot, but actually it was the lawn of the Wilson House, built in 1852 in Dorset, the birthplace of AA co-founder Bill Wilson.

It still hosts several AA meetings each week.

### Wire reports

## Pakistan: Bhutto's son starts career in politics

By Munir Ahmed  
and Sebastian Abbot  
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The 24-year-old son of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto launched his political career Thursday with a fiery speech before thousands of cheering supporters observing the fifth anniversary of his mother's assassination.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's speech comes several months before national elections are expected to be held. He is too young to participate in the elections himself — the minimum age is 25 — but is likely to be a key asset for the ruling Pakistan People's Party.

Before dawn on the same day, dozens of militants armed with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons attacked two tribal police posts in Pakistan's northwest, killing two policemen, officials said. Twenty-one other policemen are missing and presumed kidnapped.

Zardari was made chairman of the Pakistan People's Party after his mother's death but has mainly played a background role until now while he completed his studies at Oxford University in Britain.

The Bhutto family has played a prominent role in Pakistani politics for much of the country's 65-year history. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's grandfather, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, founded the Pakistan People's Party and served as both the country's president and prime minister in the 1970s.



# Farming

## Drought affected all aspects of farming industry this year

Drought conditions pretty much dominated the agricultural scene in 2012 with this county receiving almost half the moisture needed to grow crops. For livestock producers, high feed costs and limited pasture and hay put pressure on profit margins.

In the midst of a major United States drought, gross farm profit is expected to remain near record levels because of two major factors: record commodity prices and crop insurance.

Not all areas are sharing the same prosperity. Livestock, especially

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dairy, feed lot operators, and crop farmers without insurance protection who experienced yield losses will show a decrease in farm income.

Tobacco production in July looked like a wash. The late rains in August virtually turned that crop around and in some cases overall production and quality were respectable. Corn production took the biggest hit locally with yields down 50 percent or

more in many cases. Prices are the only thing that has made this year's yields somewhat palatable.

Next year's outlook really does depend on the weather. Predictions are that the drought will extend into next year in some areas of the country.

We will still try to plant one of the largest corn crops on record and even with average yields corn prices could push lower. Changes in the new Farm Bill could also affect grain prices. Most producers will see a rise in input costs as well, which leads to further uncertainty. Profitability still looks

good for 2013; beyond this, time will tell.

Soybeans were our savior this year. Late July and August rains accompanied by high prices gave producers at least something to haul out of the fields.

Exports along with higher prices helped farm profits greatly. Next year's production along with the outcome of the South American crop will keep pressure on prices and we will see swings during 2013.

Cattle prices in 2012 saw the market set records in May. This was largely due to tight supplies and excellent spring weather.

By fall however, we saw prices fall well below the spring highs. Rising corn prices are now taking a toll.

Producers are challenged to keep feed costs in check.

Tight supplies in 2013 will probably keep prices stable. Expansion will be slowed by weather and competition for ground.

Even with all the uncertainty 2013 brings with it, there are bright spots. Lower stock will provide incentives and growing conditions will provide opportunity.

In the world of agriculture we have to have op-

portunity. Tax planning will be one of the biggest challenges as producers struggle to maintain cash flow.

As we move through the holiday season we need to remember to be thankful for all we have, appreciate the little things, and do the best job planning for the things we can't control.

**NOTE**

The Henderson County Extension Service will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The entire Extension Service staff wishes you and your family a safe and Happy New Year!

## Napa do-over prompts grape plant shortage

■ Strong demand has given California growers opportunity to replace old vines

**By Tracie Cone**  
Associated press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Napa Valley, one of the world's premier wine growing regions, has an uncommon problem these days: not enough new grapevine root stock is available to supply the massive replanting that's under way there.

A trifecta of developments has created the critical shortage:

Aging cabernet vines planted after a deadly phylloxera outbreak in the 1980s are due for replacement that was deferred for years as sales of premium wines slumped in the recession.

With demand again strong, growers are taking the opportunity to replace old vines with varieties and clones better suited for their microclimates. Others are reconfiguring rows to prevent erosion into sensitive streams, or to allow mechanical harvesting machinery to access vines.

All of this activity caught commercial nurseries across California short of supply. Some are sold out for 2013 and are taking orders for 2014 and beyond.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Michael Monette of Sunridge Nurseries, one of the in-

dustry's biggest suppliers of plants. "What's totally phenomenal for me is I'm focusing on 2014 and 2015, which is absolutely nuts. We have no more space in our greenhouses."

Napa Valley, an hour's drive northeast of San Francisco, caught the world's attention in 1976 when, to the shock and chagrin of the French, wines from Stag's Leap and Chateau Montelena won the Paris Wine Tasting. The ensuing rush to plant was cut short when the rootstock that most new growers used was not fully resistant to the root-eating phylloxera pest.

Nearly two-thirds of the vines there slowly died, and vineyard owners yanked millions of plants beginning around 1990 then spent \$1.2 billion replacing them.

That replanting of new clones on more resistant rootstock are the vines on which the Napa Valley's current reputation for excellence was sealed. Today wines from Napa Valley's 16 sub-appellations are some of the most complex and priciest produced.

Growers routinely replace plants, but the convergence of events has created an urgency that prompted the Napa Valley Grapegrowers to gather experts last week to talk about planning,

plant financing and even preventing erosion during the process in a region of sensitive habitat.

"The defining feature of this movement is the scale at which it is taking place," said Jennifer Putnam, executive director of the association. "That nurseries are sold out is unprecedented. That an industry is reinvesting in itself right now is a sure sign we're coming out of the recession."

Mondavi alone is in the process of planting 1.5 million new vines, she said. One vineyard management company alone removed 8,000 acres this year.

"A lot has changed since the phylloxera replanting," said Putnam. "We've learned more about the soil, and what varieties might be better suited for a site, maybe the row orientation should change. We're at the beginning of a wave of change."

While grapes can grow by simply planting a cane in the ground, those plants will not be resistant to pests and disease. Nurseries graft European vines onto native North American grape plant roots, which are naturally resistant to phylloxera. Botanists further tweak rootstocks to resist local pests and disease, or to control the vigor of the vines.

"It has been 23 years since 1990, so that's a lot of acreage coming due," said Jon Ruel, chief operating officer at the 480-acre Trefethen Family Vineyard in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District. "Growers were quiet for a number of years, but now we have a lot more optimism. Now wineries want grapes and growers are like, 'Shoot, I should have planted a few years ago.'"

Trefethen was founded in 1968 when there were just 15 wineries in the Napa Valley. Since the phylloxera replanting, they've learned more about the types of vines suited to the soil and the trellis structure that best sup-



This photo taken in mid-December shows a vineyard that was grafted with Cabernet Sauvignon earlier this year at Trefethen Family Vineyards in Napa, Calif. Napa Valley, one of California's premier wine growing regions, has an uncommon problem these days: Not enough new grape root stock to go around.

ports them. Cabernet sauvignon grapes that ripen in the shade can taste like bell peppers, but those with low vigor and clusters exposed to direct sunlight can develop a raisin-like flavor.

Ruel says changing rootstock, as he is doing, is like rotating crops — you end up with a plant that is more resistant to whatever pests and disease exist in the soil.

"Every time you replant you have the opportunity to do it smarter," said Ruel, who will replace 40 acres a year until his redo is complete. "It's really an exciting time because it's an opportunity to reinvest in our vineyard with a better understanding of how we can produce the best possible grapes and in a sustainable fashion as well."

Most of the new plantings going on across Napa Valley are cabernet sauvignon, the varietal for which the region is most associated, Monette said. But others are planting rising stars petit verdot, malbec and petite sirah for blending.

Beckstoffer Vineyards is looking at new rootstock and clones as cabernet vines are replaced on more



Chief Operating Officer Jon Ruel holds up a bundle of St. George rootings that will be planted in the spring at Trefethen Family Vineyards in Napa, Calif.

than 200 acres. They've placed some orders for 2014 delivery.

"We've been developing for two years when (grape) prices were low because we saw they would come back. We'd rather have fruit available than wait two years for it, even when prices were very low," David Beckstoffer said. "Replanting is expensive, but when prices are where you want them to be your investment pays off."

Over the past two decades the bucolic Napa Valley has transformed itself into a showplace of wineries as celebrities and the rich erect grand palaces to host \$25 tastings of estate-grown vintages.

Now growers and wine-makers who believe that the best wines are made on the vines are eager to see what improvements this new generation of plants will bring.



Vineyard manager Chris Pedemonte walks with his dog between Cabernet Sauvignon vines that were recently pulled up at Round Pond Estate in Rutherford, Calif.

### Researchers to study ozone-resistant corn

**CHAMPAIGN, Ill.** — University of Illinois researchers will be able to look for ozone-resistant corn thanks to a \$5.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

Researchers will screen different lines of corn. They say ozone can cause major damage and yield reductions in crops. Its cost for corn is estimated at \$700 million a year across the world.

There's also a public-service portion of the grant. The News-Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/UGDINj>) that researchers also will use part of the money to expand an after-school plant biology program at Urbana Middle School. They'll also set up a summer science day camp at the Champaign-Urbana university for middle school and high

school girls.

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FROM THE COVER

CLIFF  
from 1A

ment, but we had no takers. The phone never rang, and so here we are five days from the new year and we might finally start talking,” McConnell said.

Still, he warned: “Republicans aren’t about to write a blank check for anything the Democrats put forward just because we find ourselves at the edge of the cliff.”

Brendan Buck, a spokesman for Boehner, responded in a similar vein to Reid’s comments. “Harry Reid should talk less and legislate more if he wants to avert the fiscal cliff. The House has already passed legislation to do so,” he said, referring to a measure that extends existing cuts at all income levels.

Addressing the GOP rank and file by conference call, Boehner said the next move is up to the Senate, which has yet to act on House-passed bills to retain expiring tax cuts at all income levels and replace across-the-board spending cuts with targeted savings aimed largely at social programs.

“The House will take this action on whatever the Senate can pass — but the Senate must act,” he said, according to a participant in the call.

Boehner told Republican lawmakers the House would convene on Sunday evening. Rep. Tom

Cole, R-Okla., an ally of the speaker, quoted him as having said “he didn’t really intend to put on the floor something that would pass with all the Democratic votes and few of the Republican votes.”

The risk of higher milk prices stems from the possibility that existing farm programs will expire at year’s end, and neither chamber of Congress has scheduled a vote on even a temporary extension to prevent a spike. There have been unverified estimates that the cost to consumers of a gallon of milk could double without action by Congress.

The president flew home from Hawaii overnight after speaking with top congressional leaders.

Before leaving the White House last Friday, the president had called on lawmakers to pass scaled-down legislation that prevents tax increases for the middle class, raises rates at upper incomes and renews expiring unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless. He said he still supports a more sweeping measure to include spending cuts to reduce deficits, but said they could wait until the new year.

That capped an unpredictable week in which Boehner pivoted away from comprehensive deficit reduction talks with Obama to an aborted attempt to push legislation through the House that



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., walks to the Senate floor on Capitol Hill in Washington Thursday.

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retained existing tax levels except above \$1 million. Anti-tax Republicans rebelled at raising rates on million-dollar earners, and Boehner backpedaled and canceled the planned vote.

Without congressional action, current tax rates will expire on Dec. 31, resulting in a \$536 billion tax increase over a decade that would touch nearly all Americans. In

addition, the military and other federal departments would have to begin absorbing about \$110 billion in spending cuts.

Failure to avoid the “fiscal cliff” doesn’t neces-

sarily mean tax increases and spending cuts would become permanent, since the new Congress could pass legislation cancelling them retroactively after it begins its work next year.

CRANE  
from 1A

“It was a little aloof,” he said. “Its comfort zone was about 550 or 600 yards. Anytime the truck got closer,” the crane would move.

Wildlife officials acknowledge that whooping cranes “are similar in silhouette” to sandhill cranes. However, they said sandhill cranes have gray bodies and are slightly smaller than whooping cranes.

The state wildlife agency circulated a press release last week alerting hunters that they should be careful not to confuse the whooping cranes with sandhill cranes or snow geese, which can be hunted in Kentucky.

Sandhill cranes can be seen migrating through Kentucky, mostly through the center of the state near Louisville and Elizabethtown but sometimes in Henderson. A woman reported seeing two flocks of 32 and 42 sandhill cranes along Kentucky 268 in the middle of the

sloughs area here last Sunday, and Morton said he once saw a flock of 1,000 sandhill cranes land in a field in Breckinridge County.

But fewer than 600 whooping cranes now live in the wild in the U.S.

“We are not surprised to learn that some whooping cranes have been sighted at this time in Kentucky,” Rogers said. “In our comments to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in opposition to the sandhill crane hunt, we noted that some whoop-

ing cranes flock with sandhill cranes during migration stopovers.”

Last year, hunters killed 50 sandhill cranes in Kentucky. The season marked the first sandhill crane hunting season in a state east of the Mississippi in a century.

Wildlife officials have said that “hunters pursuing migratory game birds are exceptionally skilled at identifying different species and have proven in other states with sandhill crane seasons that they are not likely

to make an identification mistake.”

Rogers isn’t convinced.

“Over the past year, multiple whooping cranes have been illegally shot and the threat of poaching, accidental or otherwise, remains all too real,” she said. “For the long-term survival of both species, we again urge Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to cancel this hunt.”

Chuck Stinnett of The Gleaner contributed to this story

INVESTOR  
from 1A

It’s the first time ordinary folks have sold during a sustained bull market since relevant records were first kept during World War II, an examination by The Associated Press has found. The AP analyzed money flowing into and out of stock funds of all kinds, including relatively new exchange-traded funds, which investors like because of their low fees.

“People don’t trust the market anymore,” says financial historian Charles Geisst of Manhattan College. He says a “crisis of confidence” similar to one after the Crash of 1929 will keep people away from stocks for a generation or more.

The implications for the economy and living standards are unclear but potentially big. If the pullback continues, some experts say, it could lead to lower spending by companies, slower U.S. economic growth and perhaps lower gains for those who remain in the market.



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Andrew Neitlich poses in front of one his investment homes in Venice, Fla. Neitlich once worked as a financial analyst picking stocks for a mutual fund. During the dot-com crash 12 years ago, Neitlich didn’t sell his stocks, but like many others he is selling now.

Since they started selling in April 2007, eight months before the start of the Great Recession, individual investors have pulled at least \$380 billion from U.S. stock funds, a category that includes both mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, according to estimates by the AP. That is the equivalent of all the money they put into the market in the previous five years.

Selling during both a

downturn and a recovery is unusual because Americans almost always buy more than they sell during both.

Since World War II, nine recessions besides the Great Recession have been followed by recoveries lasting at least three years. According to data from the Investment Company Institute, a trade group representing investment funds, individual investors sold during and after

only one of those previous downturns — the one from November 1973 through March 1975. And back then a scary stock drop around the start of the recovery’s third year, 1977, gave people ample reason to get out of the market.

The unusual pullback this time has spread to other big investors—public and private pension funds, investment brokerages and state and local governments. These groups have sold a total of \$861 billion more than they have bought since April 2007, according to the Federal Reserve.

Even foreigners, big purchasers in recent years, are selling now — \$16 billion in the 12 months through September.

As these groups have sold, much of the stock buying has fallen to companies. They’ve bought \$656 billion more than they have sold since April 2007. Companies are mostly buying their own stock.

On Wall Street, the investor revolt has largely been dismissed as temporary. But doubts are creeping in.

Gulf War commander Schwarzkopf dies at 78

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who topped an illustrious military career by commanding the U.S.-led international coalition that drove Saddam Hussein’s forces out of Kuwait in 1991 but kept a low public profile in controversies over the second Gulf War against Iraq, died Thursday. He was 78.

Schwarzkopf died in Tampa, Fla., where he had lived in retirement, according to a U.S. official, who was not authorized to release the information publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A much-decorated combat soldier in Vietnam, Schwarzkopf was known popularly as “Stormin’ Norman” for a notoriously explosive temper.

He served in his last military assignment in Tampa as commander-in-chief of U.S. Central Command, the headquarters responsible for U.S. military and security concerns in nearly 20 countries from the eastern Mediterranean and Africa to Pakistan.



Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf

Schwarzkopf became “CINCCentcom” in 1988 and when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait three years later to punish it for allegedly stealing Iraqi oil reserves, he commanded Operation Desert Storm, the coalition of some 30 countries organized by President George H.W. Bush that succeeded in driving the Iraqis out.

“Gen. Norm Schwarzkopf, to me, epitomized the ‘duty, service, country’ creed that has defended our freedom and seen this great nation through our most trying international crises,” Bush said in a statement. “More than that, he was a good and decent man — and a dear friend.”

At the peak of his postwar national celebrity, Schwarzkopf — a self-proclaimed political independent — rejected suggestions that he run for office, and remained far more private than other generals, although he did serve briefly as a military commentator for NBC.

While focused primarily in his later years on charitable enterprises,

he campaigned for President George W. Bush in 2000 but was ambivalent about the 2003 invasion of Iraq, saying he doubted victory would be as easy as the White House and Pentagon predicted. In early 2003 he told The Washington Post the outcome was an unknown.

“What is postwar Iraq going to look like, with the Kurds and the Sunnis and the Shiites? That’s a huge question, to my mind. It really should be part of the overall campaign plan,” he said.

Initially Schwarzkopf had endorsed the invasion, saying he was convinced that former Secretary of State Colin Powell had given the United Nations powerful evidence of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. After that proved false, he said decisions to go to war should depend on what U.N. weapons inspectors found.

He seldom spoke up during the conflict, but in late 2004, he sharply criticized then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the Pentagon for mistakes that included inadequate training for Army reservists sent to Iraq and for erroneous judgments about Iraq.

Bush family stays quiet about health

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush’s family sought privacy and provided no new details Thursday about his medical condition, a day after his spokesman said he’s in intensive care after being hospitalized for treatment of a bronchitis-related cough.

Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said he would put out another statement “when events warrant it,” citing the family’s right to and desire for privacy.

Bush, 88, entered Methodist Hospital in Houston on Nov. 23 for treatment of what McGrath has described as a “stubborn” cough. He had spent about a week there earlier in November for treatment of the same condition.

It was hoped Bush would be well enough to spend Christmas at home. But while his cough improved, he developed a persistent fever. McGrath disclosed Wednesday that Bush, the oldest living former president, had been transferred to the intensive care unit Sunday and his condition was downgraded to “guarded.”

“He needs to rally,” McGrath said. “We continue to be cautiously optimistic.”

The former president has had visits from family and friends, including longtime friend James Baker II, his former Secretary of State. Bush’s daughter, Dorothy, arrived Wednesday from her home in Bethesda, Md. Other visitors have included his sons George W. Bush, the 43rd president, and Jeb Bush, the former Florida governor.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, live in Houston during the winter and spend their summers at a home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Bush had served two terms as Ronald Reagan’s vice president when he was elected in 1988 to succeed Reagan. Four years later, after a term highlighted by the success of the 1991 Gulf War in Kuwait, he lost to Democrat Bill Clinton amid voters’ concerns about the economy.

Bush was a naval aviator in World War II — at one point the youngest in the Navy — and was shot down over the Pacific. He’s sky-dived on at least three of his birthdays since leaving the White House, most recently when he turned 85.

Retailers recall baby recliners

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four national retailers agreed to recall more than 150,000 Nap Nanny baby recliners after at least five infant deaths and dozens of reports of children nearly falling out of the recliners, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

The recall covers Nap Nanny Generations One and Two, and the Chill model infant recliners. All were sold between 2009 and 2012. The Nap Nanny was designed to mimic the curves of a baby car seat, elevating an infant slightly

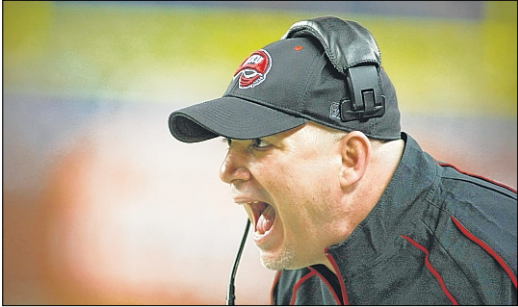
to help reduce reflux, gas, stuffiness or other problems.

The CPSC warned parents and caregivers that the Nap Nanny contains defects in its design, warnings and instructions. The agency said the product poses a substantial risk of injury and death to infants.

The four retailers — Amazon.com, Buy Buy Baby, Diapers.com and Toys R Us/Babies R Us — agreed to voluntarily participate in the recall of the Nap Nanny because its manufacturer is unable or unwilling to participate, the government agency said in a statement.



■ **Toppers' gamble doesn't pay off:** WKU interim coach Lance Guidry talks about his decision to go for the win instead of a tie in Wednesday's bowl loss. **3B**



# Lady Cols claim tourney opener

■ **Henderson returns from layoff with 63-42 victory over Meade Co.**

**By Mitchell Stinson**  
Gleaner correspondent

OWENSBORO— They hadn't played a game in nearly two weeks but there were no signs of rust on the Henderson County Lady Colonels Thursday night. Exploding to an 18-3 lead over Meade County, they finished with a 63-42 victory in game three of the RE/MAX Holiday Classic at Daviess County High School. The win puts them in tonight's winner's bracket semifinal against the winner of Thursday's late game between Owensboro Catholic and Christian County. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. The Lady Colonels would surely love to play as flawlessly in the first seven minutes as they did on Thursday. Everything fell into place, as their defense forced seven turnovers with full-court pressure and the offense rained 3-pointers. "We got off to a good start," Henderson County coach Jeff Haile said. "That's what we wanted to see. But Meade County is a good basketball team." Too good to take that kind of drubbing much longer. Raley Johnson scored six straight points in the final minute of the first period as the Lady Waves cut the deficit to 18-9. Then Kateylyn Cucino opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer that pulled her team within six. Henderson County countered every run with one of its own and took a 29-17 lead into halftime when Maci Brown drove

for two at the buzzer. She drained a 3 at the start of the second quarter and Ellie Fruit soon sank another, as the Lady Colonels pulled ahead by 17. The Lady Waves fought an uphill battle the rest of the way, though they did pull within 12 early in the fourth period. DeAsia Outlaw countered with back-to-back layups that snuffed out the comeback. Kacie Wallace was the biggest thorn in Meade County's side. She drained two 3-pointers in that early stretch of domination and finished the quarter with 10 points. She added nine more in the second half, including a back-breaking steal and layup, and ended the contest with a game-high 19 points. A starter as an eighth-grader, the sophomore guard lost that position and then won it back recently. "I wanted that starting position back," she said. "You've just got to work hard in practice." Joining Wallace in double figures were Brown with 15 and Fruit with 11. The Lady Colonels, who improved to 9-0, also picked up nine points from Outlaw, who returned to action after missing the team's last two games. Morgan Turner, a 6-2 guard/forward, led Meade County (6-6) with 10 points and Johnson added nine. Monroe County and Daviess County advanced to the other semifinal with wins earlier in the day. Monroe County rolled past Ohio County 71-49, while host Daviess



Henderson County's Ellie Fruit drives to the basket under defensive pressure from Meade County's Katelyn Cucino during Thursday's first-round game in the Re/Max Holiday Classic at Daviess County High School in Owensboro.

County beat Madisonville 62-37.

The championship game will be played Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

| HENDERSON 63, MEADE 43                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |           |           |           |          |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Henderson Co. (8-0)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |           |           |           |          |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Meade Co.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>42</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Henderson Co.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>18</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>63</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## RE/MAX HOLIDAY CLASSIC at Daviess Co. High School Thursday's Games

Monroe Co. 71, Ohio Co. 49  
Daviess Co. 62, Madisonville 37  
Henderson Co. 63, Meade Co. 42  
Owensboro Catholic vs. Christian Co., (n)

**Today's Games**  
Ohio Co. vs. Madisonville, 2:45 p.m.  
Meade Co. vs. O. Cath.-Christian loser, 4:30 p.m.  
Monroe Co. vs. Daviess Co., 6:15 p.m.  
Henderson Co. vs. O. Cath.-Christian winner, 8 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Seventh-place game, 10 a.m.  
Fifth-place game, 11:45 a.m.  
Third-place game, 1:30 p.m.  
Championship, 3:15 p.m.  
**Directions:** Take the Audubon Parkway to the U.S. 60 bypass in Owensboro. Take Exit 6 off the bypass. Turn right onto U.S. 231 (New Hartford Road). The school will be immediately on the left.

# Cols get late start in tournament

Gleaner staff

After Wednesday's snow delayed the team's departure for eastern Kentucky, Henderson County will start play today in the consolation bracket of the 58th annual Ashland Invitational Tournament. The tournament opened on Thursday but road conditions would not allow the Colonels to leave in time for their scheduled 1:30 p.m.

game with South Laurel. Instead, the team delayed its trip to Ashland until this morning and will still play two games in the event. Henderson County (9-2) will face Sheldon Clark (7-2) today at 3 p.m. Central time in the consolation semifinals. Sheldon Clark lost to host Ashland Blazer 71-58 in Thursday's first-round action. Sheldon Clark, which is one of the top teams

in the 15th Region, plays a deliberate style of basketball which should be in contrast to Henderson County's uptempo attack. A win today would put the Colonels in the consolation finals Saturday at 3 p.m., while a loss would send them into the seventh-place game at 1:30 p.m. Boyd County (6-6) and West Jessamine (8-3) play in the other consolation semifinal.

"If we cannot accomplish that kind of standard," the commissioner said during a radio interview in October, referring to the league's high-intensity regular season, "I am inclined to not play it. It is really tough to force competition, and after a long season, to ask those guys to go out and play at the same level they played is really tough." Impossible, though, is more like it. Because the Super Bowl is played at a neutral site, Goodell can't follow the lead of baseball boss Bud Selig and try to coax players into caring about the outcome by awarding home-field advantage to the winning side. There's nothing to be borrowed from the NBA's version, either, because basketball — unlike football — can be entertaining without anyone actually playing defense, as fans of the Charlotte Bobcats can attest. And there's no reason to even mention the NHL in this context, since nothing that commissioner Gary Bettman has come up with during his tenure is likely to be worth stealing. So what should Goodell do?

Exactly what he's doing now: Pretend to be concerned, and leave it at that. Despite a few head-scratching decisions this year — sticking too long with replacement referees; trying to punish the New Orleans Saints more than Bountygate warranted — Goodell hasn't lost his touch. He's not about to cancel the Pro Bowl. The one lesson that's been reinforced time and again since he took the job five years ago is that there's

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**Thursday's Games**  
Newport Central Catholic 69, Boyd Co. 62  
Ashland Blazer 71, Sheldon Clark 58  
Russell 57, West Jessamine 54

**Today's Games**  
Boyd Co. vs. West Jessamine, 1:30 p.m.  
Henderson Co. vs. Sheldon Clark, 3 p.m.  
Newport Catholic vs. Russell, 6 p.m.  
South Laurel vs. Ashland Blazer, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Seventh-place game, 1:30 p.m.  
Fifth-place game, 3 p.m.  
Third-place game, 5 p.m.  
Championship, 6:30 p.m.

# Transfers develop chemistry off court, in post for UK

■ **Walker, Stallworth averaging in double figures**

**By Gary Graves**  
Associated Press

LEXINGTON— The off-court friendship between Kentucky forward Samarie Walker and center DeNesha Stallworth has translated to strong on-court chemistry. Their cohesion has given the No. 7 Wildcats (10-1) a formidable inside tandem and helped them forge a nine-game winning streak entering tonight's game against Alcorn State (0-8). Things have taken off the past four contests with Stallworth averaging 15.5 points and 6.3 rebounds per game during that stretch, while Walker has contributed 11.5 and 8.3 respectively. Their breakout game was a blowout of DePaul in which they combined for 35 points and 23 rebounds. Kentucky has also beaten Middle Tennessee and swept Pepperdine and UC Santa Barbara last week in California, with each scor-

ing 12 points while combining for 17 rebounds in that last game. "We read each other very well," said Stallworth, whose per-game scoring average of 11.9 points is just behind leader A'dia Mathies (13.5). Walker, third at 9.3 points, was more philosophical about their relationship, joking, "She's the yin to my yang." Her statement basically sums it up, considering how quickly the two McDonald's All-Americans have connected since transferring last year. Walker arrived after playing a semester at Connecticut and becoming eligible for Kentucky last December. The 6-foot-3 junior went on help the Wildcats reach their second Elite Eight in three years while she made the NCAA All-Regional Tournament team. Walker finished with averages of 8.7 points and a team-high 7.2 rebounds per game and

blocked 22 shots. In the meantime Walker helped the 6-3 Stallworth adjust to the program after two seasons at California, where she averaged 13.1 points and 6.4 rebounds. Stallworth sat out last year under NCAA transfer rules, during which she observed how Walker and her teammates execute coach Matt Mitchell's uptempo system predicated on pressure defense. "The biggest thing was probably just the game pace and just my confidence because I wasn't too sure and was just thinking too much," Stallworth said of what Walker taught her. "She just told me, 'Something just clicks and you realize that you just have to play.' And when it did click, everything became a lot easier and it just flows better." Added Walker, "I tried to tell her the pace of the game's going to be completely different after sitting out for a year and she



Kentucky center DeNesha Stallworth, left, drives to the basket against Pepperdine guard Ea Shoushtari during the Dec. 18 in Malibu, Calif.

didn't want to believe me. ... Lo and behold, her first game, the first exhibition game, (she said), 'Samarie, I'm tired.' The first two minutes." Fortunately for Kentucky, Stallworth adapted and the Wildcats' flow has been pretty fast and dominant this season. But their 96-64 rout of DePaul stands out for distinguishing the players' offensive styles. Stallworth describes

Walker as a player content to blow through a defender on the way to the basket whereas she's fine taking jumpers. Both clearly like to rebound, with Walker leading Kentucky at 7.8 per game and Stallworth next at 5.3. That's the inside presence the Wildcats will need when the Southeastern Conference schedule begins next week against Florida.



SPORTS

# Bobcats' coach preaches patience

## ■ Charlotte mired in 16-game losing streak

By Steve Reed  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It would be easy for Bobcats coach Mike Dunlap to tear up the blueprint amid a 16-game losing streak and come up with an entirely new plan. But Charlotte's first-year coach has no plans for any such radical paper shredding. Instead he's preaching patience. When Dunlap looks at his team's struggles since opening the season 7-5 he recalls the growing pains Kevin Durant, Michael Westbrook and the rest of the Oklahoma City Thunder endured a few years ago before becoming Western Conference champions. "Durant and Westbrook took a pounding in those first two years," Dunlap said. "My point is I look around the league and see how those seeds were born, what those guys did and how did that culture take off? Well it didn't take off right away, so I remind myself and my staff of that. It's incumbent on us to stay the course."

So Dunlap will stick with playing youngsters like Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Kemba Walker, Byron Mullens and Jeffery Taylor. They will learn on the job. Dunlap will also continue to stress things like pressuring the ball, help defense, pushing the ball up the floor, getting to the basket and drawing fouls as staples of the foundation he hopes to build. Sure, the 16-game skid isn't fun.

The Bobcats know all too well about lengthy losing streaks. They lost their final 23 games of last season to finish 7-59 under former coach Paul Silas. They added Ramon Sessions, Ben Gordon and Brendan Haywood during the offseason, bringing some veteran experience to an otherwise young team. After an offseason where Dunlap stressed conditioning during marathon three- and four-hour practices, the Bobcats came out of the gates winning seven of their first 12 games matching last season's win total. But things have gone downhill ever since a 45-point shellacking at the hands of the Thunder on Nov. 26. It was a game the Bobcats said going in would be a great measuring stick for how far they'd come. But reality threw them for a loop and Dunlap's gang has struggled to get back on ever since. Sixteen games. Sixteen losses. They've lost them in a variety of ways, once blowing a 17-point lead with less than six minutes to play. They've been blown out of a few games, but for the most part have remained competitive. The one consistent during the stretch is the lack of defense. The Bobcats have allowed 109 points per game during the losing streak. "That's not good, is it?" Dunlap said, pointing out the obvious. Dunlap said the problem revolves around a lack of ball pressure and poor



Miami Heat's Udonis Haslem, bottom, looks to pass as Michael Kidd-Gilchrist of the Charlotte Bobcats defends him during Wednesday's game in Charlotte, N.C.

rotation. "In the NBA you have to cover guys that are getting beat off the dribble," Dunlap said. "The only way you can do that is to leave your man and that is a hard habit to break at this level because you're depending on the trust factor. If you lose games there is an undermining of 'Should I leave my man or not?' There are question marks in the eyes." Miami Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said things aren't as dire as they might seem in Charlotte. In fact, he sees plenty of promise in what Dunlap, president of basketball operations Rod Higgins and general manager Rich Cho are building with the Bobcats. He said it's only a matter of time before the Bobcats are turning close losses

into wins. "It's always tough when you're going through a year like they are," Spoelstra said. "But they are getting great experience for the young players. Their players are as good as anybody's in the league — they just don't have as much experience. But they can hurt you on any given night. The thing is they compete and play hard. You notice that on film." On Tuesday night, the Bobcats hung with the defending champion Heat for three-and-a-half quarters. Charlotte trailed by two points with 7:16 left in the game before Miami went on a run and pulled away for a 105-92 victory. Of Charlotte's 21 losses, 12 are by 10 points or less. That's a far cry from last year's team which wasn't even competitive, losing

more than one-third of their games by 20 points or more. Dunlap said he sees "promise amid the adversity." Still, Walker doesn't take much satisfaction the Bobcats are more competitive. "Losing is losing," said Walker, the team's leading scorer. "Hopefully we can stop it soon. But it's no different at all from last year. We lost last year and we're losing this year and it's not a good feeling at all." Walker realizes the Bobcats don't have a roster with a ton of proven NBA experience, but he refuses to use that as an excuse. "We have young guys, but at the same time it's the NBA," Walker said. "So we have to find a way to win. That's what we're going to try to do — find a way."



### Briefs

## After fast start, Johnson fired as Nets' coach

NEW YORK — Coach of the month in November, out of a job by New Year's. The Brooklyn Nets have elevated expectations this season, and a .500 record wasn't good enough. Coach Avery Johnson was fired Thursday, his team having lost 10 of 13 games after a strong start to its first season in Brooklyn. "We don't have the same fire now than we did when we were 11-4," general manager Billy King said at a news conference in East Rutherford, N.J. "I tried to talk to Avery about it and we just can't figure it out. The same pattern kept on happening."

Assistant P.J. Carlesimo will coach the Nets on an interim basis, starting Friday night with a home game against Charlotte. King said the Nets might reach out to other candidates, but for now the job was Carlesimo's. The GM wouldn't comment on a report that the team planned to get in touch with former Lakers coach Phil Jackson. King said the decision to dismiss Johnson was made by ownership after a phone discussion Thursday morning. Owner Mikhail Prokhorov had expressed faith in Johnson before the season. "With the direction we were going we felt we had to make a change," King said. Johnson was in the final year of a three-year, \$12 million contract. "It's a really disappointing day for me and my family. It's my wife's birthday. It's not a great birthday gift," Johnson said. "I didn't see this coming. But this is ownership's decision. It's part of the business. Fair or unfair, it's time for a new voice and hopefully they'll get back on track."

## Matsui retires from baseball

NEW YORK — Free agent slugger Hideki Matsui has retired from professional baseball, saying he is no longer able to perform at the level that earned him a World Series MVP with the New York Yankees and three Central League MVPs in Japan. Matsui announced his retirement Thursday at a news conference in New York that was conducted only in Japanese and broadcast live in his home country. Nicknamed Godzilla, the 38-year-old Matsui batted .282 with 175 homers and 760 RBIs for the Yankees, Los Angeles Angels, Oakland Athletics and Tampa Bay Rays. Before joining the Yankees in 2003, Matsui played 10 seasons for the Yomiuri Giants in Japan.

## USC's Barkley won't play in Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Texas — Matt Barkley's career at Southern California is over. Coach Lane Kiffin has announced that the senior quarterback won't play in the Sun Bowl against Georgia Tech because of an injured shoulder. Instead, redshirt freshman Max Wittek will make his second career start. Barkley's throwing shoulder was injured during USC's second-to-last game against UCLA. He didn't play in the season-finale against Notre Dame. Wittek started the game and the Trojans lost to the Fighting Irish to fall to 7-5 on the season. Barkley rewrote the Pac-12 record book during a USC-record 47 starts over four seasons, becoming the conference leader in touchdown passes, yards passing, completions and total offense.

Wire reports

# Creighton's Jones: 'My life is more important'

## ■ Heart condition causes senior to give up sport

By Eric Olson  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — As hard as it is for Creighton's Josh Jones to give up basketball, he says it's not worth risking his life to keep playing. Doctors advised Jones to stop playing after he underwent a procedure Dec. 18 to locate and correct an atrial flutter. He faces more procedures to treat the heart condition that caused him to faint before a game three weeks ago. He said he wanted to let their words soak in a few days before he made his announcement this week. "My life is more important," he said Thursday as teammates practiced behind him at the Vinardi Athletic Center. "The game has gotten me this far. I'm the same person with or without it. But right now, and maybe forever, I'm just stepping away from the game." Coach Greg McDermott said he sensed after he visited with Jones two weeks

ago that it was doubtful Jones would return. Jones had an initial health scare in 2007, when he needed an infected heart valve replaced. Doctors said the first procedure revealed additional concerns with Jones' heart. Jones said he'll undergo a second procedure in January to diagnose the other problems, and more treatment probably will follow. He said it would have been impossible for him to play again this season. The fifth-year senior is scheduled to graduate in May with a degree in public relations. Jones' situation has prompted an outpouring of support from the community. Though he started only 14 of his 108 career games, he's one of the Bluejays' most popular players. He's an Omaha native who led Central High School, a few blocks from the Creighton campus, to three consecutive state championships.

"I've got aspirations to do other things," Jones said. "I'm going to try to put my degree to use. I was going to do all these other things regardless, whenever my athletic career was going to end. Now it's time to start pursuing them early." Jones said walking has been his most strenuous activity since he passed out during warm-ups before the Dec. 6 game at Nebraska. He admitted to still picking up a basketball and dribbling it when he's hanging out at his family's home a few blocks from campus. "I want to tell everybody I'm fine — I'm normal — I'm just not able to do high-intense things to put my heart rate at an unsafe rate that can put me down, make me pass out again or potentially cause death," he said. "That's what the procedure is about, changing the complications of my heart to make me live a healthy life with a healthy heart."



Creighton's Josh Jones looks to the basket for a lay-up during the Nov. 24 game against Arizona State at the Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational tournament in Las Vegas.

Jones played in eight games this season and usually was the first guard to come off the bench for the 16th-ranked Bluejays. He scored 18 points in a win over UAB. For his career he averaged 5.0 points and 15 minutes a game. "Obviously, it's a sad deal for him," senior guard Grant Gibbs said. "As much time as he's put into this game... If there is anybody who can handle this, it's definitely Josh and his personality. He's been tre-

mendous, bouncing back and kind of looking toward the next phase of his life. He's one of those guys who can find good in anything. He's going to find a way to get through it." Jones plans to be on Creighton's bench at home games, and he said he'll hang around with teammates when he can. "I'm still a great-spirited person," Jones said. "I'm still smiling. I won't stop smiling, as much as it hurts."

# Leinart hopes to get one more shot as starter

By Josh Dubow  
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Matt Leinart is hoping to get one more shot to show what he can do as an NFL starting quarterback. With Carson Palmer sidelined for Oakland's season finale in San Diego with cracked ribs and a bruised lung, Leinart and third-stringer Terrelle Pryor have been sharing time at practice. Raiders coach Dennis Allen says he won't pick a starter until after today's practice but it seems likely both quarterbacks will get a chance. Leinart has started only two games since 2007 and failed to live up to the expectations of winning the Heisman Trophy at Southern California and

being a first-round draft pick by Arizona in 2006. "I still feel I have a lot to prove at this point of my career," Leinart said Thursday. "No matter what the naysayers say, I do feel like I still can play. I do feel like that, and I think I'll play like that until the day I retire. But you're only given so many opportunities in this league. That's why this weekend would be awesome." Leinart started 16 games his first two seasons in Arizona before being sidelined by a broken left collarbone in 2007. He was beaten out the next season by Kurt Warner and started one game his final two seasons with the Cardinals. Leinart then signed with Houston in 2010 and

got another chance to start late last season when Matt Schaub went down with a foot injury. But Leinart got hurt in the first half of his first start, missing a chance to take the Texans to the playoffs. He signed this past offseason with Oakland and had thrown only one pass before replacing Palmer in the first quarter of last week's 17-6 loss at Carolina. Leinart completed 16 of 32 passes for 115 yards, no touchdowns and one interception for a 45.7 passer rating. "I felt a little rusty," Leinart said. "I think my footwork, for me, wasn't as good as I wanted it to be, and what I work on. But I think again, that was just kind of getting in there, hadn't played in a while."

## LITKE from 1B

no such thing as too much NFL. Nearly five million people tuned into the league's scouting combine at some point this spring to watch players who hadn't even made the cut lift weights and run around in shorts and T-shirts. And last year's Pro Bowl game, bad as it was, still pulled in better numbers than any of its rivals — an average of 12.5 million viewers, even if most of them were asleep by the end. So Goodell knew exactly what he was doing when he suggested the NFL might skip the game and instead honor the players selected to the Pro Bowls rosters during a ceremony. All-Star games are popularity contests after

all, and the NFL's participants are chosen according to a vote among the league's players, coaches and fans, with each group given equal weight in the process. But if you've followed the arguments about who was left out, you'll find very little griping between the first two groups — with the possible exception of players who promised the family a week in Hawaii. Instead, it's coming from the same fans who will doze off during the game, but can't for the moment imagine how the Cowboys' Dez Bryant didn't get picked, or how overrated but still popular Green Bay center Jeff Saturday got the nod over linemate Josh Sitton, or why all those Chiefs are hanging around. So consider this your wake-up call, fans, even if it came a month early.



## SPORTS

# Players convinced WKU coach to go for win

## ■ Guidry's gamble doesn't pay off in Toppers' 24-21 loss to C. Michigan

By Noah Trister  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Coaching Western Kentucky for one game before moving on to an uncertain future, Lance Guidry had to make a crucial decision with the game on the line.

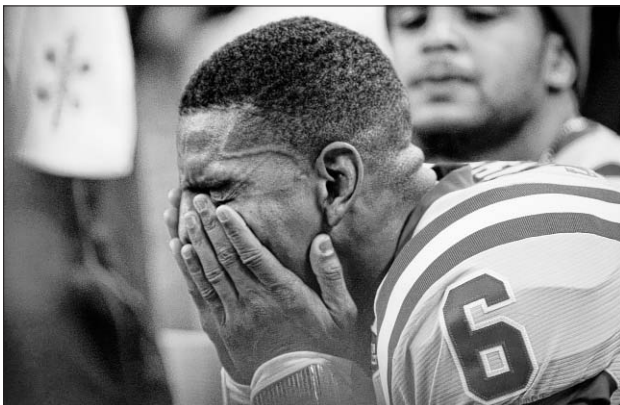
Fourth down, 51 seconds remaining. Kick a field goal and play for overtime, or go for the win?

"That was all the players. We were going to kick the field goal, but they told me that they were here to win the game," Guidry said. "I asked everyone and they wanted to go for it so we took the chance."

The Hilltoppers went for it and the move backfired when Kawaun Jakes threw incomplete on fourth-and-2 from the 19-yard line, giving Central Michigan a 24-21 win Wednesday night in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. Even so, there was little regret afterward.

"I'm going to get back to my family, because I haven't seen them in a while," Guidry said. "Then I'm off to the coaches' convention to try to find a job." Guidry was Western Kentucky's defensive coordinator, but he was put in charge on an interim basis for this bowl after coach Willie Taggart left to take over the program at South Florida. Next season, Bobby Petrino will coach the Hilltoppers.

The finish to this game — Western Kentucky's first bowl since joining college football's top tier in 2009 — won't be forgotten any time soon. Ryan Radcliff had thrown an 11-yard touchdown pass to Cody Wilson with 5:11



ALEX SLITZ/BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS

Western Kentucky quarterback Kawaun Jakes reacts as the clock runs out in the fourth quarter of the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.

remaining to give Central Michigan (7-6) the lead, but the Hilltoppers (7-6) drove back down the field until their chances ended when Jakes' pass intended for Jack Doyle fell incomplete.

"I don't know what I would have done," Central Michigan coach Dan Enos said. "But I will never second-guess a coach for trying to win."

Radcliff went 19 of 29 for 253 yards and three touchdowns, but Central Michigan needed to rally late.

Down 21-17, Zurlon Tipton appeared to have put the Chippewas ahead in the fourth quarter, but his fourth-down run was ruled short of the goal line after a review.

"When we didn't get the touchdown, we knew we had to stop them right there," linebacker Shamari Benton said. "We knew that we just needed to give the offense one more shot."

Central Michigan forced the Hilltoppers to punt from their own end zone, and Avery Cunningham partially blocked it. Although the ball bounced

around for a bit, the Chippewas finally secured it and took over with great field position inside the 30.

Radcliff found Wilson in the back left corner of the end zone for a 24-21 lead.

Petrino, the Hilltoppers' coach-in-waiting, was expected to be at Ford Field watching his new team, but a snowstorm forced him to scrap those plans. Western Kentucky started aggressively.

Down 7-0, the Hilltoppers ran a flea-flicker on their first play from scrimmage, with Antonio Andrews running to his right, then tossing the ball back to Jakes, who found Rico Brown for a 70-yard gain.

Two plays later, Jakes scored on a 6-yard run to tie it.

Central Michigan answered with a 73-yard drive that ended with Andrew Flory's 29-yard touchdown reception, his second of the quarter.

David Harman's 50-yard field goal put the Chippewas up 17-7, but Jakes threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Doyle, with the tight end making a



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A fourth-down pass goes through the hands of Western Kentucky tight end Jack Doyle, who is defended by Central Michigan defensive back Kavon Frazier during the final minute of Wednesday's Little Caesars Pizza Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit. WKU opted to try the pass play instead of attempting a potential game-tying field goal to send the game into overtime. Central Michigan held on for a 24-21 win.

one-handed catch to pull Western Kentucky within three.

Harman had a field goal blocked later in the half, and although the Chippewas were in range for another attempt in the final minute, Radcliff was sacked and fumbled. He was able to recover, but the last few seconds of the half ticked off.

Western Kentucky took a 21-17 lead in the third on a 1-yard scoring run by Ka-

deem Jones, which capped an 80-yard drive that used 9:23.

Andrews rushed for 119 yards, but he fell short of the 274 all-purpose yards he needed to break the single-season record of 3,250 set by Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders in 1988. Andrews, a junior, had 184 all-purpose yards to finish the season at 3,161.

"I fell short this year, but I'll be going for that record again next year," he said.

Central Michigan took a 7-0 lead on a 69-yard touchdown pass from Radcliff to Flory. Western Kentucky safety Jonathan Dowling whiffed on a tackle near midfield, and Flory was gone.

Dowling had a chance to make up for that mistake early in the third quarter, but with his team down 17-14, he dropped an interception near midfield that he could have easily returned for a touchdown.

## Early-season stars meet in La.-Monroe's back door

By David Brandt  
Associated Press

SHREVEPORT, La. — It has taken Louisiana-Monroe 19 years to reach the post-season at college football's highest level.

Now third-year coach Todd Berry wants the Warhawks take advantage of the opportunity.

"This isn't the exclamation point at the end of the sentence," Berry said of the program's remarkable turnaround. "This is the capital letter at the beginning."

Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) will face Ohio (8-4) in the Independence Bowl on Friday in front of what's expected to be a partisan crowd for the Warhawks. The game will be played about 100 miles from Monroe, La., so Ohio can't expect much of a neutral environment.

That's just fine with Ohio's eighth-year coach Frank Solich.

"We want people in the stands," Solich said. "We want to play in front of a large crowd. We liken this just a little bit to the first game of the year against Penn State where we knew we'd be outnumbered, yet we relish the opportunity in front of a national audience to display our football team."

Ohio beat Penn State in that season-opening game. Louisiana-Monroe started its season by winning at Arkansas.

The Bobcats and Warhawks were September upstart stars and now they'll get a chance to face each other with plenty on the line.

Ohio is trying to win nine games for the third time in four seasons while Louisiana-Monroe is trying to end a dream season that began with the stunning overtime victory in Fayetteville, Ark.

# Fales leads San Jose St. past Bowling Green

## ■ Duke collapses at end of loss to Cincinnati

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — So what if San Jose State lost its coach before the Military Bowl. David Fales was still the quarterback, and that was plenty.

The dart-throwing junior started strong and finished stronger in the wind and cold at RFK Stadium. Fales, who led the nation in completion percentage during the regular season, completed 33 of 43 passes for 395 yards and two touchdowns Thursday in the No. 24 Spartans' 29-20 win over Bowling Green.

Fales led the drive that set up Austin Lopez's 27-yard field goal with 4:43 remaining, and De'Leon Eskridge's 1-yard run with 2:34 left provided the insurance. San Jose State (11-2), in the national rankings for the first time since 1975, capped the year with a seven-game winning streak for its first 11-win season

since 1940, a remarkable turnaround for a program that was 1-12 just two years ago in Mike MacIntyre's first season as coach.

But MacIntyre left earlier this month for a bigger payday at Colorado, leaving defensive coordinator Kent Baer in charge for the bowl. Baer was interested in the job full-time, but the school instead hired San Diego's Ron Caragher, who attended the game as an observer.

Bowling Green (8-5) had a similar turnaround, improving from 2-10 in 2010 under coach Dave Clawson. A defense that allowed only 15.8 points per game in the regular season — ninth best among FBS schools — did a decent job against a San Jose State team that was averaging 35.3 points.

But give Fales enough chances, and he'll find a way to put points on the board. He went over the

4,000-yard passing mark for the season, hitting Kyle Nunn for a 33-yard score to give the Spartans a first-quarter lead and finding the stutter-stepping Chandler Jones for an 18-yard reception that put San Jose State back in front, 19-13, in the third quarter.

Bowling Green retook the lead in the fourth quarter with a 68-yard drive, finished off by John Pettigrew's 1-yard run with 10:26 remaining.

**CINCINNATI 48  
DUKE 34**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Brendon Kay threw for 332 yards and a Belk Bowl-record four touchdowns, and Cincinnati capitalized on Duke's inept play in the closing minutes to beat the Blue Devils 48-34 on Thursday night.

Duke appeared to have the game in hand and was driving for the go-ahead score — and its first



ALEX BRANDON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Jose State wide receiver Jabari Carr cannot catch a pass during the second half of Thursday's Military Bowl against Bowling Green at RFK Stadium in Washington. San Jose State won 29-20.

bowl victory since 1961 — but the final 80 seconds proved disastrous. With the game tied at 34 and the Blue Devils positioning themselves for a winning field goal, running back Josh Snead fumbled at the Cincinnati 5-yard line with 1:20 left and Bearcats defensive lineman John Williams recovered.

Kay then connected with tight end Travis Kelce

on an 83-yard touchdown strike down the middle with 44 seconds left for the go-ahead score.

Cincinnati (10-3) sealed it on the next series when Maalik Bomar came crashing into Duke quarterback Sean Renfree, forcing a deflection that Nick Temple returned 55 yards for a touchdown.

Renfree threw for 358 yards for the Blue Devils.

## Va. Tech, Rutgers rekindle rivalry

By Kyle Hightower  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A lot has changed since the last time Rutgers and Virginia Tech met on a football field.

The Hokies dominated the Scarlet Knights during their time as Big East Conference rivals before Virginia Tech left for the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2004.

But as they prepare for their 15th all-time meeting in today's Russell Athletic Bowl, Rutgers is no longer anybody's whipping boy, while Virginia Tech is the team with something to prove following a disappointing season.

The Scarlet Knights (9-4) are in a bowl game for the seventh time in eight years and are looking to win their sixth straight bowl game after just miss-

ing out on a Bowl Championship Series berth following in loss in their regular-season finale.

Today is an opportunity for them to not only win 10 games for the first time since 2006, but go into their final Big East season next year with momentum after announcing plans to join the Big Ten in 2014.

"I think 10-win seasons in college football are the standard for elite programs," first-year coach Kyle Flood said. "I think that puts you in an elite status, and certainly at a university where it's only been done twice in the past, I think you better take those things very seriously. These opportunities have not come around as often for us as maybe for Virginia Tech, but this is an opportunity for us to do that."

## Texas Tech accustomed to coaching changes

By Kristie Rieken  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas Tech quarterback Seth Doege has seen this before.

The Red Raiders head into today's Meineke Car Care Bowl against Minnesota after some serious upheaval with coach Tommy Tuberville abruptly leaving the team for the job in Cincinnati. Doege, a senior, remembers how the team came together for a win in the Alamo Bowl under an interim coach just days after coach Mike Leach was fired in the 2009 season.

The Red Raiders have hired Kliff Kingsbury to replace Tuberville, but interim coach Chris Thomsen will lead Texas Tech against Minnesota.

"It's settled now, and the young guys are excited. I

remember ... when I was younger how close we became as a football team," Doege said. "Because with all the uncertainty, all the distractions, that's what gets you through it."

Thomsen, who coached the offensive line before becoming the interim head coach, said he believes his team has dealt with the changes and is ready to move forward.

"It's really just business as usual for us," Thomsen said. "The great thing about this team, the staple of this team, has been leadership all year, and we define leadership as guys who come out every single day focused and do it. If you can do that, you can lead as a freshman, sophomore, senior; it doesn't matter. And that's really the way they've approached it."

Minnesota coach Jerry Kill doesn't expect any drop off for the Red Raiders with Tuberville's departure.

"I don't think a whole lot is going to change with them," Kill said. "Their system, offensively all the way back to coach Leach, has stayed the same, pretty much ... they've got good football players, a good system, and I know they'll be prepared to play."

Texas Tech returns to a bowl game after seeing an 18-year bowl streak snapped with last season's disappointing 5-7 finish.

The Gophers are in a bowl for the first time since 2009 and looking for their first bowl win since 2004. They won six games this season, which is the same number of games they won in the previous two seasons combined.



AIR TIME

Television

| COLLEGE FOOTBALL                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 p.m.:</b> Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La., Ohio vs. Louisiana-Monroe, ESPN, Cable 27.      |
| <b>4:30 p.m.:</b> Russell Athletic Bowl at Orlando, Fla., Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech, ESPN, Cable 27. |
| <b>8 p.m.:</b> Meineke Car Care Bowl at Houston, Minnesota vs. Texas Tech, ESPN, Cable 27.           |
| MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL                                                                             |
| <b>6 p.m.:</b> Providence at Brown, NBCSN, Cable 549.                                                |
| <b>7 p.m.:</b> Baylor at Gonzaga, ESPN2, Cable 26.                                                   |
| <b>7 p.m.:</b> Southern Illinois-Edwardville at Saint Louis, FSN Midwest, Cable 47.                  |
| <b>7 p.m.:</b> Jacksonville at Indiana, Big Ten, Cable 39.                                           |
| <b>9 p.m.:</b> Missouri at UCLA, ESPN2, Cable 26.                                                    |

Radio

| GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL                                                                         |
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| <b>4:30 or 8 p.m.:</b> Henderson Co. vs. Owensboro Catholic or Christian Co., WSON 860 AM & 96.5 FM. |

SPORTSCOPE

| GOLF                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bent Creek Golf Course will be closed through Dec. 30 for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 31. |
| TENNIS                                                                                                               |

Henderson County YMCA is taking registrations for youth tennis lessons at the Y's indoor multi-rec tennis facility on Saturday mornings starting Jan. 5 for five weeks. There will be no classes on Jan. 19. Each class meets once a week and has a maximum of six players. The instructor will be certified USPTA teaching professional Brett Jones. Private lessons are also available. Call the Y at 827-9622 for more information or to sign up if paying by Visa or MasterCard. Classes will be beginner and intermediate: ages 5-9, 9-9:45 or 9:45-10:30 a.m.; ages 9-11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; ages 11-15, 11:15 a.m.-noon. Session fees are \$30 for Y members and \$45 for non-members.

| VOLLEYBALL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Henderson County YMCA is offering recreational coed adult volleyball leagues (beginner, intermediate and advanced) starting Jan. 4. Players must be 18 by Jan. 4, 2013. The league will play on Friday nights for 11 weeks from Jan. 4-March 16. All games will be played at the YMCA with game times beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is \$175 per team. Registration deadline is today. Schedules will be available Jan. 2. For more information, call 827-9622. |
| ATHLETICS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

The Henderson County High School athletic department will auction off a maroon and white Colonel quilt made by Sue Ellen Clements. The quilt will be on display at the home basketball games until Jan. 7 with the highest bidder being announced at halftime of the Jan. 7 game. All proceeds go to the athletic department.

| BASKETBALL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Hoops Academy, a weekly fundamental league, will begin Feb. 5 and continue through March 26 at Community Baptist Church with grades K-4 meeting at 5 p.m. and grades 5-8 at 6 p.m. Each participant will receive a practice uniform. Pre-registration is in underway through Jan. 25. The cost is \$250 for the first 50 players who sign up and \$300 for late registration. For more information, call J.P. Cummings at 270-860-1544 or Tom Cummings at 270-869-7716. |

The Henderson Elks Hoop Shoot for the winners of the school competition will be Jan. 5. The 8-9-year-old boys and girls will be at North Middle School, while the 10-11-year-old boys and girls and 12-13-year-old boys and girls will be at Bend Gate Elementary School. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the shoot starting promptly at 8 a.m. Anyone who is late signing in will not be allowed to shoot per National Hoop Shoot rules.

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| Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)                           | 4 Not Enuff Justice (Cruz) 5.40 5.20 3.80<br>6 Misszoey Belle (Creed) 16.80 6.60<br>5 Song of Destiny (Vargas) 2.80<br>Off 2:05. Time 1:43.46. Fast. Pick 3 (6-5-4) 3 Correct Paid \$46.20. Daily Double (5-4) paid \$34.40. Exacta (4-5) paid \$129.60. Superfecta (4-6-5-9) paid \$411.00. Trifecta (4-6-5) paid \$566.40. |
| <b>Monday, Dec. 31</b><br><b>Music City Bowl</b><br><b>At Nashville, Tenn.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sun Bowl</b><br><b>At Ft. Worth, Texas</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



# Business

## New home sales at fastest rate in 2½ years



A woman walks towards a home for sale recently during a viewing for brokers in Leucadia, Calif. Americans bought new homes in November 2012 at the fastest pace in more than two and a half years, further evidence of a sustained housing recovery.

### The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans bought new homes last month at the fastest pace in more than two and a half years, further evidence of a sustained housing recovery.

Sales of new homes rose 4.4 percent in November from October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 377,000, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That's the fastest pace since April 2010, when a federal tax credit boosted sales.

New-home sales have also increased 15.3 percent over the past year. The improvement comes from depressed levels. Sales remain below the 700,000 that economists consider healthy.

Steady job gains this year and ul-

tra-low mortgage rates have boosted sales of both newly built and previously occupied homes. More people are looking to buy or rent a home after living with relatives or friends during and immediately after the Great Recession.

Another big reason for the rebound is the excess supply of homes that were built during the housing boom has finally thinned out. Only 149,000 new homes were for sale at the end of last month, according to the report. That's just above a record low of 143,000 in August.

Still, the market is steadily improving and that has lifted builder confidence to its highest level in 6½ years, according to the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo survey released last week. The

pace of home construction is nearly 22 percent higher than a year earlier, according to government data. Builders are on track this year to start work on the most homes in four years.

Home prices are also increasing. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller national home price index released Wednesday increased 4.3 percent in October compared with a year ago. That's the largest year-over-year increase in two and a half years. And prices rose for the 12-month period in 18 of the 20 cities tracked by the index.

Sales of previously occupied homes rose to the highest level in three years in November, the National Association of Realtors said last week.

## THE MARKET IN REVIEW

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

| Ticker     | Ex   | Div   | Yld | PE | Last   | Chg   | %Chg  | YTD |
|------------|------|-------|-----|----|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| AT&T Inc   | NY   | 1.80  | 5.3 | 44 | 33.66  | -.12  | +11.3 |     |
| AbtLab     | NY   | 2.04  | 3.1 | 14 | 65.05  | -.01  | +15.7 |     |
| Accuride   | NY   | ...   | ... | dd | 3.12   | +0.6  | -56.2 |     |
| Agrium g   | NY   | 2.00  | 2.0 | 12 | 98.41  | +.84  | +46.6 |     |
| Airgas     | NY   | 1.60  | 1.7 | 22 | 91.53  | -.86  | +17.2 |     |
| AlcatelLuc | NY   | ...   | ... | *  | 1.40   | +0.2  | -10.3 |     |
| Alcoa      | NY   | .12   | 1.4 | 54 | 8.62   | -.11  | -3    |     |
| AllinceRes | Nasd | 4.34  | 7.5 | 9  | 58.09  | -.03  | -23.1 |     |
| AmExp      | NY   | .80   | 1.4 | 13 | 56.69  | -.44  | +20.2 |     |
| AGreet     | NY   | 6.0   | 3.6 | 54 | 16.86  | +20   | +34.8 |     |
| Ameriprise | NY   | 1.80  | 2.9 | 14 | 62.57  | +10   | +26.0 |     |
| Apple Inc  | Nasd | 10.60 | 2.1 | 12 | 515.06 | +2.06 | +27.2 |     |
| ArchDan    | NY   | 7.0   | 2.5 | 17 | 27.49  | +0.2  | -3.9  |     |
| Ashland    | NY   | 50    | 1.1 | cc | 79.58  | -.20  | +39.2 |     |
| ATMOS      | NY   | 1.40  | 4.0 | 15 | 34.95  | -.19  | +4.8  |     |
| BP PLC     | NY   | .92   | 4.3 | 6  | 41.62  | -.06  | -2.6  |     |
| Belo       | NY   | 1.32  | 4.6 | 9  | 7.49   | -.04  | +18.9 |     |
| Bemis      | NY   | 1.00  | 3.0 | 20 | 33.47  | -.11  | +11.3 |     |
| BigLots    | NY   | ...   | ... | 10 | 27.87  | -.21  | -26.2 |     |
| BrMySq     | NY   | 1.40  | 4.4 | 29 | 32.14  | -.21  | -8.8  |     |
| CSX        | NY   | .56   | 2.9 | 11 | 19.62  | -.08  | -6.8  |     |
| Chevron    | NY   | 3.60  | 3.3 | 9  | 108.52 | +0.6  | +2.0  |     |
| ChrchlID   | Nasd | .72   | 1.1 | 19 | 64.04  | +37   | +22.8 |     |
| CitiGroup  | NY   | .04   | ... | 12 | 39.25  | -.30  | +49.2 |     |
| CocaCola s | NY   | 1.02  | 2.8 | 19 | 36.42  | ...   | +4.1  |     |
| ColSprtw   | Nasd | .88   | 1.7 | 18 | 52.25  | -.14  | +12.2 |     |
| ConAgra    | NY   | 1.00  | 3.4 | 19 | 29.39  | -.07  | +11.3 |     |
| CrackerB   | Nasd | 2.00  | 3.2 | 15 | 63.26  | -.19  | +25.5 |     |
| DanaHldg   | NY   | 2.0   | 1.3 | 12 | 16.24  | +0.6  | +25.4 |     |
| Darling    | NY   | ...   | ... | 14 | 15.71  | +1.0  | +18.2 |     |
| Dell Inc   | Nasd | .32   | 3.1 | 7  | 10.19  | -.09  | -30.3 |     |
| DineEquity | NY   | ...   | ... | 10 | 67.35  | -.83  | +59.6 |     |
| Disney     | NY   | .75   | 1.5 | 16 | 49.53  | -.32  | +32.1 |     |
| DollarTr s | Nasd | ...   | ... | 16 | 39.73  | +0.1  | -4.4  |     |
| DowChm     | NY   | 1.28  | 4.0 | 25 | 32.12  | +0.2  | +11.7 |     |
| DuPont     | NY   | 1.72  | 3.8 | 14 | 45.07  | -.02  | -1.6  |     |
| Eaton      | NY   | 1.52  | 2.8 | 13 | 53.63  | -.21  | +33.2 |     |
| ExxonMbl   | NY   | 2.28  | 2.6 | 11 | 86.86  | -.21  | +2.5  |     |
| FamilyDlr  | NY   | .84   | 1.3 | 17 | 62.49  | -.11  | +8.4  |     |
| FifthThird | Nasd | 4.0   | 2.7 | 10 | 15.08  | +0.5  | +18.6 |     |
| FordM      | NY   | .20   | 1.6 | 10 | 12.76  | +0.3  | +18.6 |     |
| FMCG       | NY   | 1.25  | 3.7 | 11 | 33.68  | -.24  | -8.5  |     |
| GenElec    | NY   | .76   | 3.7 | 16 | 20.69  | -.08  | +15.5 |     |
| GlaxoSkin  | NY   | 2.40  | 5.5 | *  | 43.48  | +0.1  | -4.7  |     |

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known. yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.

### COMMODITIES

| Open                                   | High   | Low    | Settle | Chg.         | Open                                    | High   | Low    | Settle | Chg.         | Open                                    | High    | Low     | Settle  | Chg.          |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| WHEAT (CBOT)                           |        |        |        |              | CORN (CBOT)                             |        |        |        |              | SOYBEANS (CBOT)                         |         |         |         |               |
| 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel     |        |        |        |              | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel      |        |        |        |              | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel      |         |         |         |               |
| Mar 13                                 | 775    | 778    | 764.50 | 772.25 -2.25 | Mar 13                                  | 692.50 | 695.50 | 689.25 | 691.50 -1.75 | Jan 13                                  | 1423.75 | 1437    | 1415.75 | 1418.75 -5.75 |
| May 13                                 | 785.25 | 788    | 775.25 | 782.25 -2.25 | May 13                                  | 695.75 | 698.25 | 691.75 | 694.50 -2    | Mar 13                                  | 1417.25 | 1429.50 | 1411.25 | 1414 -4.50    |
| Jul 13                                 | 792    | 793.75 | 783    | 790 -1.50    | Jul 13                                  | 693.75 | 696    | 689.25 | 692 -2.25    | May 13                                  | 1409    | 1419    | 1402.50 | 1405 -4.25    |
| Sep 13                                 | 801    | 805.25 | 797    | 803.50 -.75  | Sep 13                                  | 618.75 | 622    | 614.50 | 617.50 -2    | Jul 13                                  | 1406    | 1412.75 | 1398    | 1401.50 -2.50 |
| Dec 13                                 | 817.75 | 819.75 | 811    | 816.50 -.50  | Dec 13                                  | 598.50 | 603.25 | 594.25 | 596 -3.25    | Aug 13                                  | 1378.75 | 1384.75 | 1372.75 | 1377.50 -.25  |
| Mar 14                                 | 828.50 | 829.25 | 822    | 827.75 +.50  | Mar 14                                  | 612.50 | 612.50 | 604    | 605.75 -3.25 | Sep 13                                  | 1336    | 1340.50 | 1334.50 | 1338 +1       |
| May 14                                 | 825.75 | 827.50 | 825.75 | 827.50 +1.75 | May 14                                  | 614    | 614.50 | 611    | 612.75 -3.25 | Nov 13                                  | 1299    | 1306    | 1294.50 | 1302.50 +2.25 |
| Est. sales 114,154. Wed's sales 70,682 |        |        |        |              | Est. sales 178,192. Wed's sales 156,117 |        |        |        |              | Est. sales 232,541. Wed's sales 151,791 |         |         |         |               |
| Wed's open int. 451,285. +2,735        |        |        |        |              | Wed's open int. 1,137,954. +370         |        |        |        |              | Wed's open int. 563,630. -6,339         |         |         |         |               |

### Markets

#### GRAINS

Spot bids to producers at selected barge loading terminals on the Ohio River:  
**Upper Ohio (Cincinnati-Owensboro)**  
 Yellow corn .....6.92-7.00  
 Soybeans.....14.60-14.63  
 Wheat.....7.81-7.87  
**Lower Ohio (Owensboro-Cairo)**  
 Yellow corn .....6.83-7.00  
 White corn .....8.35-8.57  
 Soybeans.....14.62-14.64  
 Wheat.....7.77-7.82  
 Sorghum.....6.42

#### CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO — Grains futures fell Thursday on the Chicago Board of Trade.  
 Wheat for March delivery fell 2.25 cents to \$7.7225 a bushel; March corn fell 1.75 cent to \$6.9150 a bushel; March oats

fell 7 cents to \$3.53 a bushel; while January soybeans fell 5.75 cents to \$14.1875 a bushel.

Beef and pork futures also fell on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.  
 February live cattle fell 0.72 cent to \$1.3305 a pound; January feeder cattle fell 0.80 cent to \$1.5127 a pound; February lean hogs fell 0.43 cent to 87.02 cents a pound.

#### COMMODITIES

NEW YORK — Gold prices edged higher Thursday after Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said that it appeared the government would miss the deadline for avoiding the “fiscal cliff.”  
 The lawmaker's comments boosted demand for the metal as a safe haven, said Howard Wen a commodities analyst at HSBC.  
 February gold rose \$3 to \$1,663.70 an

ounce, a gain of 0.2 percent. The metal had started the day lower before Reid's comments. Demand for gold was also bolstered by a report that showed consumer confidence fell to its lowest level since August.

The precious metal surged to a record last year as investors sought a safe haven when lawmakers failed to agree on a deal to lift the U.S. debt ceiling and the ratings agency Standard & Poor's cut its credit rating on the U.S. government's debt.

Gold has slumped 6.4 percent since the end of September and is on track to record its worst quarter in more than eight years. That's prompting speculation that the 12-year rally in the metal may be drawing to an end. Other metals also advanced.

Silver for March delivery rose 20.50 cents to \$30.24 an ounce, a gain of 0.7 percent. March copper gained 0.35 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$3.6010 a pound.

Energy trading was mixed.

The price of crude fell Thursday following the drop in consumer confidence and growing pessimism that political leaders in Washington can reach a budget deal. U.S. benchmark crude fell 11 cents to \$90.87 a barrel in New York.

Natural gas prices fell 3.8 cents, or 1.1 percent, to end at \$3.3540 per 1,000 cubic feet. Heating oil rose 2.10 cents to finish at \$3.0723 a gallon. Wholesale gasoline gained 0.55 cents to end at \$2.8213 a gallon.

Grains extended their recent declines. Wheat for March delivery fell 2.25 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$7.7225. March corn fell 1.75 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$6.9150 a bushel and soybeans for deliver in the same month fell 4.5 cents to \$14.14 a bushel, a decline of 0.3 percent.

#### Staff and wire reports

### Briefs

## Jobless aid requests at five-year low; revision possible

WASHINGTON — The average number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits over the past month fell to the lowest level since March 2008, a sign that the job market is healing.

The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications dropped 12,000 to a seasonally adjusted 350,000 in the week ended Dec. 22.

The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to a nearly five-year low of 356,750.

Still, the Christmas holiday may have distorted the figures. A department spokesman said many state unemployment offices were closed Monday and Tuesday and could not provide exact data.

That forced the government to rely on estimates. Normally, the government might estimate application data for one or two states. Last week, it had to use estimates for 19.

The estimates are usually fairly accurate, the spokesman said. Even so, the government will likely revise the figures by more than normal next week.

## Consumer confidence down from levels seen in November

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer confidence tumbled in December, driven lower by fears of sharp tax increases and government spending cuts set to take effect next week.

The Conference Board said Thursday that its consumer confidence index fell this month to 65.1, down from 71.5 in November.

That's the second straight decline and the lowest level since August.

The survey showed consumers are slightly more optimistic about current business conditions and hiring.

But their outlook for the next six months deteriorated to its lowest level since 2011.

Lynn Franco, the board's director of economic indicators, said the decline in expectations for the next six months is a signal that consumers are worried about the “fiscal cliff.”

That's the name for the automatic spending cuts and tax hikes that take effect Jan. 1 if the White House and Congress can't reach a budget deal.

A separate survey released last week by the University of Michigan showed consumer confidence fell in December to a five-month low.

## Mortgage rates near record lows

WASHINGTON — The average rate on the U.S. 30-year fixed mortgage last week dipped closer to the lowest on record, a trend that is making home buying more affordable and also enabling more Americans to refinance

their loans.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says the average rate on a 30-year loan declined to 3.35 percent from 3.37 percent last week.

That's not far from the 3.31 percent rate of about a month ago, the lowest on records dating to 1971.

The average on the 15-year fixed mortgage was unchanged at 2.65 percent. The record low is 2.63 percent.

The 30-year fixed mortgage rate averaged 3.66 percent this year, Freddie Mac said, the lowest annual average in 65 years.

## SeaWorld files to go public with IPO

ORLANDO, Fla. — Looks like Shamu may soon be making a splash in the stock market.

SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. on Thursday filed for an initial public offering of stock that could raise \$100 million.

That number is likely to change as the company's bankers gauge interest from investors.

Private equity firm Blackstone Group LP, which owns SeaWorld, will likely sell some of its stake in the deal, but will still own a majority of the voting power of the company's shares after the IPO, the company said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Blackstone bought SeaWorld from beer brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev in 2009 in a deal worth at least \$2.3 billion.

The Orlando, Fla., company plans to use money from the IPO to pay debt and make a payment to Blackstone.

## Survey finds more doing e-reading, dropping paper

NEW YORK — The tastes of the reading public are turning digital.

A Pew Internet Research Center survey released Thursday found that the percentage of Americans aged 16 and older who read an e-book grew from 16 percent in 2011 to 23 percent this year. Readers of traditional books dropped from 72 percent to 67 percent.

Overall, those reading books of any kind dropped from 78 percent to 75 percent, a shift Pew called statistically insignificant.

Those owning an e-book device or tablet jumped from 18 percent to 33 percent, with much of that increase coming from last year's holiday season, when millions received Kindles, Nooks and other e-readers as gifts.

Awareness that libraries offer digital texts grew from 24 percent to 31 percent.

The telephone survey of 2,252 people aged 16 and older was conducted from Oct. 15 to Nov. 10.

It has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

#### Wire reports

## ‘Cliff’ uncertainty keeps stocks on slide

### The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The market sent a gloomy message Thursday: The economy is still far from repaired, the “fiscal cliff” negotiations far from sealed.

Stocks were down for the fourth day in a row, falling decisively after a report that consumer confidence has plunged to its lowest level since August.

“An unpleasant surprise,” was how Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Hugh Johnson Advisors in Albany, N.Y., described the numbers. “People are worried.”

It was an uneasy sentiment already made obvious this week: The holiday shopping season so far has been the weakest since the financial crisis of 2008.

Washington's stagnating budget negotiations compounded the market's pessimism. Automatic tax increases and government spending

cuts kick in next week if Republicans and Democrats can't reach a budget agreement by Monday night.

On Thursday, both sides demanded that the other take the initiative in compromising. President Barack Obama called the Democratic and Republican leaders of the House and Senate to talk about the negotiations.

Until recently, investors were treating the “fiscal cliff” with a measure of nonchalance. Stocks rose more or less steadily from mid-November until late last week.

But now, with the “fiscal cliff” deadline nearing and no deal in sight, more investors are getting unnerved by the uncertainty.

“This is a matter of a few personalities; it isn't something where you can analyze spreadsheets to figure out what's going on,” said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan Funds. “There are very few investors on one side or the other who have wanted to make a strong bet on this one.”

Thursday was the market's fourth straight down day. The fact that the stock market usually rises during the last few days of the year only makes the pattern more disquieting.

To be sure, plenty of traders think the “fiscal cliff” is overhyped. Even if the government misses the Monday deadline, the higher taxes and lower government spending would have a gradual effect, and Congress could always repeal them.

All three major indexes were down by more than 1 percent in the afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 138 points to 12,977. The Standard & Poor's 500 was down 15 points to 1,405, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 32 points to 2,959.

Trading volume was light, with many investors still on Christmas vacation. That also made the market more volatile. When fewer shares are changing hands, the market can move on relatively small trades.



Advice

Let children have freedom but set boundaries for them

**Dear Amy:** At what age do you think children can be unsupervised in their grandparents' home? My son is almost 4. My four nieces and nephews are between 4 and 7 years old. My husband helps me keep an eye on our son, but we are met with some disdain for this, as if we are neurotic, helicoptering parents. Somehow the 7-year-old is expected to supervise the other four kids. I find this notion a little bit crazy. My mother-in-law has menageries of breakable things literally everywhere in her home.



I can almost see letting the two older children hang out on their own for a while, watching a movie or playing quietly, but the three preschoolers roam free too.

I assume that since the other parents don't watch their kids that they will be fine if one gets hurt or breaks something or starts

an inappropriate game of "doctor." I think the adult brothers feel comfortable there because they grew up in the house, but I still think it's not safe or appropriate. My father-in-law has told me the kids are fine on their own. I wouldn't hire a 7-year-old baby sitter, so why should I expect my niece to watch all these kids? So far we shrug off the comments and eye rolls from the grandparents and other parents. Are we being overly protective or neurotic? — Frustrated  
**Dear Frustrated:** I don't

think it's necessary for an adult to minutely supervise and direct a child's play in a family home, but I do think it's absolutely necessary for an adult to be close by and paying attention. Sometimes when there is a family gathering all of the parents "check out" and the kids run amok and create a danger to themselves or someone else. The best situation would be for one or two adults to be in the area with the children (this way the adults can visit with each other) and then to trade off with other parents. No two family members

are alike when it comes to how "careful" they are about their children; my own family comprises the entire spectrum, from "Honey, you're 4 now; you can raise yourself;" to "You'll put your eye out!" The less careful might be too neglectful; the more careful might be overreaching. Let your child have some freedom at this family home but definitely "guard the perimeter."

**Send questions via e-mail to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.**

Horoscope

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** (Dec. 28). Your efforts to develop your career won't work out exactly the way you plan, but they will work out brilliantly when you stay aware of all of the opportunities around you and roll with the opening and closing doors. January sparks an exciting relationship. February brings family growth. March brings a boost in income. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 4, 31, 18 and 20.

**ARIES:** (March 21-April 19). You'll be inspired to share what you find funny, helpful or heartfelt. And if it's not received exactly the way you expected, at least you'll know your crowd a little better.

**TAURUS:** (April 20-May 20). You have charisma, so you don't have to push or persuade to get your way. Relax and be who you are. Those who are uncertain will gradually come around to your way of thinking.

**GEMINI:** (May 21-June 21). Good fortune in the early stages of a project doesn't promise a happy ending. But you'll figure out the essential steps and continue steadily on until you get results.

**CANCER:** (June 22-July 22). The full moon in your sign brings an emotional fullness. You'll express your feelings with ease in their own language, which probably has very little to do with words.

**LEO:** (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't stand on the edge watching everyone else have a good time. This moment is for you, too. Claim it. The full moon close to your part of the sky is a push onto the dance floor of life.

**VIRGO:** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's easy for people to get so preoccupied with what they want out of a situation that they lose perspective. You don't want anything, and that gives you a definite advantage.

**LIBRA:** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The word "karaoke" means "empty orchestra" in Japanese. If you're not singing, the orchestra around you will mourn the loss. Nothing will seem complete until you add your voice.

**SCORPIO:** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most of the pains of life fade naturally with time. Toothaches are the exception. Toothaches don't go away on their own. You'll be a hero, solving a problem for someone that is the emotional equivalent of a toothache.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As is the case with most presentations, there is much to be worked out behind the scenes before the show is ready to bring to an audience. If you do the work right, the result looks effortless. Don't be fooled.

**CAPRICORN:** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to make a big fuss about giving your talents and your love. Those things can't help but leak out in every small thing you do. The insightful person sees you in action and knows immediately who you are.

**AQUARIUS:** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With Mars newly in your realm, a strong motivational force is churning at your core. You can make fast progress on a project. Onward with velocity!

**PISCES:** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll pay close attention to what others are doing and gain a competitive edge. You'll see beyond the mechanics of a situation and into the soul of it. You'll ponder the purpose and come up with an answer.

Big difference between direct, nonstop flights

**Dear Heloise:** Is there a difference between nonstop and direct flights? I am trying to book a flight and am a little confused. — Tanya in Texas  
There is a big difference between nonstop and direct flights. Direct flights sound like they go directly to your destination, but they do not! They can have any number of stops, but you do not change planes. Nonstop flights are just that. There are no stops between your departure city and your destination city. Hope this helps when making your travel plans! — Heloise  
P.S.: A travel hint from



a longtime road warrior: Never take the last flight out! If there is a weather delay or mechanical problem, you're stuck.

**Dear Heloise:** At the end of a holiday season, I make a list of things I need to replenish — for example, wrapping paper, ribbon and gift tags. I take my list the next time I go shopping and try to purchase everything I need during the after-holiday sales.

If I am unable to purchase something, I make a new list and place it on my calendar for November of next year.

— C.C. in New York

Taking kids to church shows God's important

**Dear Dr. Graham:** My wife insists on bringing our two children to church, but I'm not sure I agree. They don't get anything out of it, and sometimes they're just a distraction to the people around us.

— R.C.J.

**Dear R.C.J.:** You don't say how old your children are; many churches, of course, provide nursery facilities for very young children. Some pastors, I've noticed, include a brief children's sermon in the service, after which the younger children are dismissed to a special class. In other words, you and your wife may want to see what alternatives are available for your children. If your children are somewhat older but are still too young to understand everything that's go-



ing on, I encourage you to keep them with you if possible. Take books or other materials to keep them occupied, and help them participate in the service whenever they can (such as during the singing). Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them" (Mark 10:14). No, they may not understand everything, but they'll understand some things — and most of all, they'll begin to understand that God is important to you and your

Teenage son has mistaken belief about smokeless tobacco

**Dear Drs. Donohue and Roach:** I was washing the clothes of my 17-year-old son when I found a tin of chewing tobacco. Needless to say, I was very upset. I confronted my son about it after school. He told me that a lot of his friends use it and that it is "no big deal — at least I'm not smoking!" I told him it is a big deal because it is just as dangerous as cigarettes and I reminded him of our family's history of cancer. My father, his two brothers and two of his sisters all died of different cancers.



Can you please try to explain to my teenage son the danger of chewing tobacco? Thank you.

— A.M.

**Dear A.M.:** As the parent of three teenagers, I empathize with your frustration. Trying to explain the increased risks of disease to someone who knows per-

fectly well what it means but doesn't really believe that it could ever happen to him is nearly impossible. But I will try, since there is a belief that smokeless tobacco is safe. It isn't. The major risk of smokeless tobacco is in head and neck cancers — lip, mouth, tongue, throat. Having taken care of many of these patients, I can attest to the terrible pain and disfigurement that come from the disease and its treatment. But your best bet may be to talk about your son's family members who died from cancer. Discussing

real people who have been through it may get through better than statistics about increased risks. A family member with esophageal or pancreatic cancer also would be important, since there is incontrovertible evidence that chewing tobacco causes these as well. Is it safer than smoking? Yes. But playing Russian roulette with one bullet in the chamber is safer than playing Russian roulette with two. **READERS:** The booklet on the prostate gland discusses enlargement and cancer. Readers can obtain a copy by writing:

Dr. Donohue — No. 1001, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**Dr. Paul Donohue will be retiring at the end of 2012. Dr. Keith Roach will share the byline during the transition period and assume sole authorship of "To Your Good Health" beginning in January. Readers may write the doctors or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.**

Movie times

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"Les Miserables" (PG-13, 157 min.) 11:30, 3, 6:30, 10.  
"Parental Guidance" (PG, 104 min.) 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05.  
"Jack Reacher" (PG-13, 130 min.) 12:50, 4, 7:10, 10:20.  
"This Is 40" (R, 133 min.) 12:40, 3:50, 7, 10:15.  
"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45.  
"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 11:30, 2, 7:05.  
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"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 166 min.) 11, 6:20.  
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5401 Lloyd Expressway  
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"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2" (PG-13, 116 min.) 1:20, 7:25.  
"Wreck-It Ralph" (PG, 108 min.) 10, 12:30.  
**SHOWPLACE/SOUTH**  
950 S. Hebron Ave.  
"Paranormal Activity" (R, 95 min.) 2:50, 5:05, 7:10, 9:20.  
"Here Comes The Boom" (PG, 110 min.) 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35.  
"Hotel Transylvania" (PG, 95 min.) 2:25, 4:50, 7:05, 9:10.  
"Looper" (R, 118 min.) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10.  
"Pitch Perfect" (PG-13, 112

min.) 2:35, 5, 7:30, 9:55.  
"Trouble with the Curve" (PG-13, 111 min.) 2:15, 4:35, 7, 9:25.  
"Taken 2" (PG-13, 100 min.) 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45.  
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Happy birthday

- Comic book creator Stan Lee is 90.
- Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 83.
- Actor Martin Milner is 81.
- Actress Nichelle Nichols is 80.
- Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 78.
- Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 74.
- Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., is 68.
- Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., is 66.



NATION

# Robots ‘beam’ employees to work

■ Telepresence allows more jobs to be done remotely

By Terence Chea  
Associated Press

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Engineer Dallas Goecker attends meetings, jokes with colleagues and roams the office building just like other employees at his company in Silicon Valley.

But Goecker isn't in California. He's more than 2,300 miles away, working at home in Seymour, Indiana.

It's all made possible by the Beam — a mobile video-conferencing machine that he can drive around the Palo Alto offices and workshops of Suitable Technologies. The 5-foot-tall device, topped with a large video screen, gives him a physical presence that makes him and his colleagues feel like he's actually there.

“This gives you that casual interaction that you're used to at work,” Goecker said, speaking on a Beam. “I'm sitting in my desk area with everybody else. I'm part of their conversations and their socializing.”

Suitable Technologies, which

makes the Beam, is now one of more than a dozen companies that sell so-called telepresence robots. These remote-controlled machines are equipped with video cameras, speakers, microphones and wheels that allow users to see, hear, talk and “walk” in faraway locations.

More and more employees are working remotely, thanks to computers, smartphones, email, instant messaging and video-conferencing. But those technologies are no substitute for actually being in the office, where casual face-to-face conversations allow for easy collaboration and camaraderie.

Telepresence-robot makers are trying to bridge that gap with wheeled machines — controlled over wireless Internet connections — that give remote workers a physical presence in the workplace.

These robotic stand-ins are still a long way from going mainstream, with only a small number of organizations starting to use them. The machines can be expensive, difficult to navigate or even get stuck if they venture into areas with poor Internet connectivity. Stairs can be lethal, and non-techies might find them too strange to use regularly.

“There are still a lot of questions, but I think the potential is really great,” said Pamela Hinds, co-director of Stanford Universi-

ty's Center on Work, Technology, & Organization. “I don't think face-to-face is going away, but the question is, how much face-to-face can be replaced by this technology?”

Technology watchers say these machines — sometimes called remote presence devices — could be used for many purposes. They could let managers inspect overseas factories, salespeople greet store customers, family members check on elderly relatives or art lovers tour foreign museums.

Some physicians are already seeing patients in remote hospitals with the RP-VITA robot co-developed by Santa-Barbara, Calif.,-based InTouch Health and iRobot, the Bedford, Mass.,-based maker of the Roomba vacuum.

The global market for telepresence robots is projected to reach \$13 billion by 2017, said Philip Solis, research director for emerging technologies at ABI Research.

The robots have attracted the attention of Russian venture capitalist Dmitry Grishin, who runs a \$25 million fund that invests in early-stage robotics companies.

“It's difficult to predict how big it will be, but I definitely see a lot of opportunity,” Grishin said. “Eventually it can be in each home and each office.”



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Engineer Christian Carlberg tests the Beam, a remote presence system, through an obstacle course with the help of fellow engineer Dallas Goecker, top right on screen, communicating remotely from Seymour, Ind., at Suitable Technologies in Palo Alto, Calif., earlier this month. More employees are working from home, but there's still no substitute for actually being at the office. Enter the Beam. It's a roving computer screen that stands five feet and rides on motorized wheels.

# Collector seeks museum for thousands of pieces of odd TV stuff

By John Rogers  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — James Comisar is the first to acknowledge that more than a few have questioned his sanity for spending the better part of 25 years collecting everything from the costume George Reeves wore in the 1950s TV show “Superman” to the entire set of “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.”

Then there's the pointy Spock ears Leonard Nimoy wore on “Star Trek” and the guns Tony Soprano used to rub out a mob rival in an episode of “The Sopranos.”

“Along the way people thought I was nuts in general for wanting to conserve Keith Partridge's flared pants from ‘The Partridge Family,’” the good-natured former TV writer says of the 1970s sitcom as he ambles through rows of costumes, props and what have you from the beginnings of television to the present day.

“But they really thought I needed a psychological workup,” Comisar, 48, adds with a smile, “when they learned I was having museum curators take care of these pieces.”

A museum is exactly where he wants to put all 10,000 of his TV memorabilia items, everything from the hairpiece Carl Reiner wore on the 1950s TV variety program “Your Show of Shows” to the gun and badge Kiefer Sutherland flashed on “24” a couple TV seasons ago.

Finding one that could accommodate his collection, which fills two sprawling, temperature-controlled warehouses, however, has sometimes been as hard as acquiring the boots Larry Hagman used to stomp around in when he was J.R. on “Dallas.” (The show's production company finally coughed up a pair after plenty of pleading and cajoling.)

Comisar is one of many people who, after a lifetime of collecting, begin to realize that if they can't find a permanent home for their artifacts those objects could easily end up on the trash heap of history. Or, just as bad as far as he's concerned, in the hands of private collectors.

“Some of the biggest bidders for Hollywood memorabilia right now reside in mainland China and Dubai, and our history could leave this country forever,” says Comisar, who these days works as a broker and purchasing expert for memorabilia collectors.

What began as a TV-obsessed kid's lark morphed into a full-



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James Comisar shows a dress worn by Lucille Ball. The item is part of his television memorabilia collection in a temperature- and humidity-controlled warehouse in Los Angeles.

fledged hobby when as a young man writing jokes for Howie Mandel and Joan Rivers, and punching up scripts for such producers as Norman Lear and Fred Silverman, Comisar began scouring studio back lots, looking for discarded stuff from the favorite shows of his childhood. From there it developed into a full-on obsession, dedicated to preserving the entire physical spectrum of television history.

“After a couple years of collecting, it became clear to me,” he says, “that it didn't much matter what TV shows James watched in the early 1970s but which shows were the most iconic. In that way, I had sort of a curator's perspective almost from the beginning.”

In the early days, collecting such stuff was easy for anyone with access to a studio back lot. Many items were simply thrown out or given away when shows ceased production. When studios did keep things they often rented them out for small fees, and if you lost or broke them you paid a small replacement fee. So Comisar began renting stuff right and left and promptly losing it, acquiring one of Herman Munster's jackets that way.

These days almost everything has a price, although Comisar's reputation as a serious collector has led some people to give him their stuff.

If he simply sold it all, he could probably retire as a millionaire several times over. Just last month someone paid \$480,000 for a faded dress Judy Garland

wore in the 1939 film “The Wizard of Oz.” What might Annette Funicello's original Mickey Mouse Club jacket fetch?

He won't even think about that.

“I've spent 25 years now reuniting these pieces, and I would be so sick if some day they were just broken up and sold to the highest bidder,” he says.

He, and every other serious collector of cool but somewhat oddball stuff, face two major obstacles, say museum curators: Finding a museum or university with the space to take their treasures and persuading deep-pocketed individuals who might bankroll the endeavor that there's really any compelling reason to preserve something like Maxwell Smart's shoe-phone.

“People hold television and popular culture so close to their hearts and embrace it so passionately,” says Dwight Bowers, curator of entertainment collections for the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, who calls Comisar's collection very impressive. “But they don't put it on the same platform as military history or political history.”

When the Smithsonian acquired Archie Bunker's chair from the seminal TV comedy “All in the Family,” Bowers said, museum officials took plenty of flak from those offended that some sitcom prop was being placed down the hallway from the nation's presidential artifacts.

The University of California, Santa Cruz, took similar heat when it accepted the Grateful Dead



James Comisar shows costumes from the “Star Trek” original series.

archives, 30 years of recordings, videos, papers, posters and other memorabilia gifted by the band, said university archivist Nicholas Meriwether.

“What I always graciously say is that if you leave the art and the music aside for one moment, whatever you think of it, what you can say is they are still a huge part of understanding the story of the 1960s and of understanding the nation's counterculture,” says Meriwether.

Comisar sees his television collection serving the same purpose, tracing societal changes TV shows documented from the post-World War II years to the present.

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation looked into establishing such a museum some years back, and Comisar's collection came up at the time, said Karen Herman, curator of the foundation's Archive of American Television.

Instead, the foundation settled on an on-line archive containing more than 3,000 hours of filmed oral history interviews with more than 700 people.

While the archive doesn't have any of Mr. Spock's ears, anyone with a computer can view and listen to an oral history from Spock himself, the actor Leonard Nimoy.

Comisar, meanwhile, believes he's finally found the right site for a museum, in Phoenix, where he's been lining up supporters. He estimates it will cost \$35 million and several years to open the doors, but hopes to have a preview center in place by next year.

Mo Stein, a prominent architect who heads the Phoenix Community Alliance and is working with him, says one of the next steps will be finding a proper space for the collection.

But, really, why all the



James Comisar holds a communicator prop used on the original Star Trek series.

fuss over a place to save one of the suits Regis Philbin wore on “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?”

“In Shakespeare's time, his work was considered pretty low art,” Comisar responds.

Oh, he'll admit that

“Mike and Molly,” the modern TV love story of a couple who fall for each other at Overeaters Anonymous, may never rank in the same category as “Romeo and Juliet.”

“But what about a show like ‘Star Trek?’” he asks.



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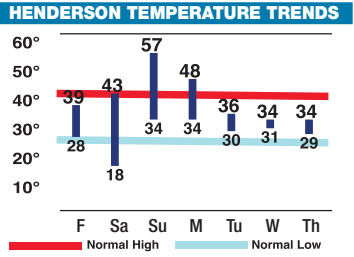




# Henderson's five-day forecast

## Almanac

| HENDERSON TEMPERATURES            |    |         |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------|------------|
| High/low Wednesday                |    |         | 34/31      |
| High/low Thursday (as of 6 p.m.)  |    |         | 34/29      |
| Normal high/low                   |    |         | 42/26      |
| Record high for Thursday          |    |         | 69 in 1971 |
| Record low for Thursday           |    |         | 1 in 1935  |
| High/low since first of the month |    |         | 72/18      |
| High/low December temp. on record |    |         | 77/-15     |
| Thursday's temperatures           |    |         |            |
| Midnight                          | 32 | 10 a.m. | 30         |
| 2 a.m.                            | 31 | Noon    | 32         |
| 4 a.m.                            | 30 | 2 p.m.  | 34         |
| 6 a.m.                            | 30 | 4 p.m.  | 30         |
| 8 a.m.                            | 30 | 6 p.m.  | 30         |
| Humidity Thursday at 3 p.m.       |    |         | 59%        |

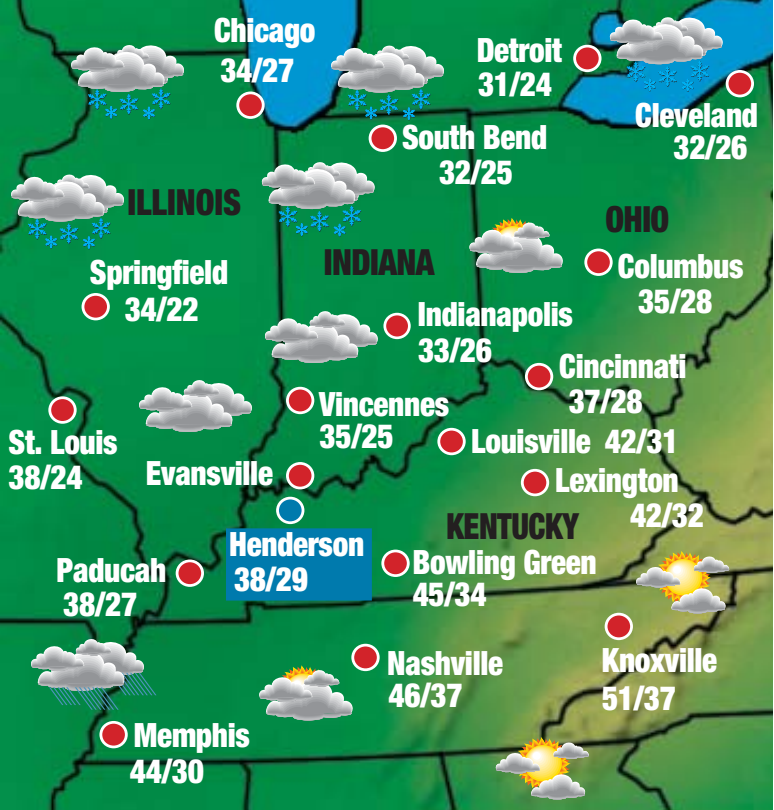


| HENDERSON PRECIPITATION         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| 24 hours ending 6 p.m. Thursday | 0.13"   |
| Month to date                   | 3.30"   |
| Year to date                    | 33.15"  |
| Deviation for month             | +0.00"  |
| Deviation for year              | -11.32" |

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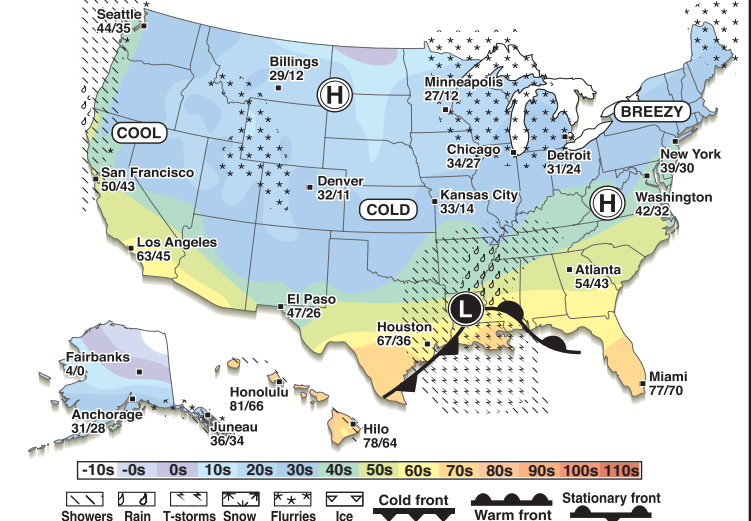
Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Cloudy today. A mix of snow and rain will overspread the area this afternoon, then change to all snow during the night giving a total snowfall of 1-3 inches. A bit of snow early Saturday; otherwise, clouds breaking for some sun. Mostly sunny and cold Sunday.

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| Today                                 | Saturday                       | Sunday                         | Monday                                 | Tuesday                         |
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|                                       |                                |                                |                                        |                                 |
| Rain and snow this afternoon<br>38/29 | A little morning snow<br>33/20 | Partly sunny and cold<br>32/26 | Clouds and sun; snow at night<br>42/28 | Mostly cloudy and cold<br>35/20 |

## National Forecast



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|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yesterday at 7 a.m.         | Stages | 24-hour change  | Q What is a halo?                                                    |
| Ohio River                  | 26.29  | -0.18           | A ring around the sun or moon due to ice crystals in the atmosphere. |
| Evansville                  | 28.86  | -0.31           |                                                                      |
| Newburgh                    | 27.03  | +0.09           | <b>HEATING DEGREE DAYS</b>                                           |
| Uniontown                   | 28.71  | -2.40           | Yesterday 33                                                         |
| Louisville Dam              |        |                 | Month to date (normal) 526 (762)                                     |
| Ohio River will be rising.  |        |                 | Season to date (normal) 1511 (1547)                                  |
| Green River                 | 12.96  | -0.13           | <b>SUN &amp; MOON</b>                                                |
| Calhoun                     |        |                 | <b>Full</b> <b>Last</b> <b>New</b> <b>First</b>                      |
| Green River will be rising. |        |                 |                                                                      |
| Barkley Lake                |        |                 | <b>Dec. 28</b> <b>Jan. 4</b> <b>Jan. 11</b> <b>Jan. 18</b>           |
| Above dam                   | 356.20 | -0.20           | <b>Sunrise today</b> 7:05 a.m.                                       |
| Below dam                   | 315.05 | -0.55           | <b>Sunset today</b> 4:40 p.m.                                        |
| Water temperature           | 48     |                 | <b>Moonrise today</b> 5:15 p.m.                                      |
| Kentucky Lake               |        |                 | <b>Moonset today</b> 7:01 a.m.                                       |
| Above dam                   | 356.34 | +0.22           |                                                                      |
| Below dam                   | 311.99 | +0.34           |                                                                      |
| Water temperature           | 52     |                 |                                                                      |

# Russian president will OK ban on adoptions to Americans

■ Dozens of children will be affected

By Nataliya Vasilyeva and Maansur Mirovalev  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday he will sign a controversial bill barring Americans from adopting Russian children, while the Kremlin's children's rights advocate recommended extending the ban to the rest of the world.

The bill is part of the country's increasingly confronta-

tional stance with the West and has angered some Russians who argue it victimizes children to make a political point.

The law would block dozens of Russian children now in the process of being adopted by American families from leaving the country and cut off a major route out of often-dismal orphanages. The U.S. is the biggest destination for adopted Russian children — more than 60,000 of them have been taken in by Americans

over the past two decades.

"I still don't see any reasons why I should not sign it," Putin said at a televised meeting. He went on to say that he "intends" to do so.

UNICEF estimates that there are about 740,000 children not in parental custody in Russia, while only 18,000 Russians are now waiting to adopt a child. Russian officials say they want to encourage more Russians to adopt Russian orphans.

Children's rights ombudsman Pavel Astakhov on Thursday petitioned the president to extend the ban to other countries.

"There is huge money and questionable people involved in the semi-legal schemes of exporting children," he tweeted.

Kremlin critics say Astakhov is trying to extend the ban only to get more publicity and win more favors with Putin. A graduate of the KGB law school and a celebrity lawyer, Astakhov was a pro-Putin activist before becoming children's rights ombudsman and is now seen as the Kremlin's voice on adoption issues.

"This is cynicism beyond limits," opposition leader Ilya

Yashin tweeted. "The children rights ombudsman is depriving children of a future."

The bill is retaliation for an American law that calls for sanctions against Russian officials deemed to be human rights violators.

The U.S. law, called the Magnitsky Act, stems from the case of Sergei Magnitsky, a Russian lawyer who died in jail after being arrested by police officers whom he accused of a \$230 million tax fraud. The law prohibits officials allegedly involved in his death from entering the U.S.

# Of droughts and foie gras — the year in food

By J.M. Hirsch  
Associated Press

Most Americans never will sip the watermelon margarita at Guy Fieri's behemoth Times Square restaurant, nor savor the chicken Alfredo at the Olive Garden in Grand Forks, N.D.

Yet both eateries somehow shot to the top of the nation's culinary zeitgeist in 2012, for this was the year of the viral restaurant review, when the rants and raves of seasoned pros and naive octogenarians alike got superstar treatment on the world wide smorgasbord.

It was a year when drought crippled farmers while Californians clamored for foie gras. Twinkies died and Paula Deen endorsed a diabetes drug. Which is to say, it was a year when the unlikely was the norm.

While restaurateurs bemoaned the influence of Yelp and other social media review sites, 85-year-old Grand Forks Herald restaurant columnist Marilyn Hagerty cut through the noise, heaping near rhapsodic praise on the fine dining at her community's latest chain restaurant. All she wanted to do was get to her bridge game, but her review became a must-read sensation.

And lest they be considered elite for dissing her devotion to this fine fare, the nation's culinary upper crust rushed to praise her. It was an amusing — and embarrassing — display of the food world's split personality, an ever-growing chasm between how real Americans eat, and how real foodies want real Americans to eat. Either way, Hagerty did OK for herself, landing a book deal with Anthony Bourdain.

Meanwhile, New York Times reviewer Pete Wells scored a celeb smackdown when he slammed Fieri's New York restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar, in a scathing 1,000-word

review written almost entirely in questions. Wells took heat for beating on Food Network's bad boy, but the review — which tore across Twitter the instant it was posted — certainly drove hordes to Fieri's tables, even if only to rubberneck the culinary accident.

Speaking of restaurants taking a beating, the Chick-fil-A chain earned plenty of scorn — and some support — this summer when company president Dan Cathy came out about his opposition to same sex marriage. The dustup spawned online "Chick-fil-Gay" mockery, but ended with the company saying it would stop funding anti-gay marriage groups.

Another revelation — Twinkies may not last forever. Blaming a labor dispute for ongoing financial woes, Hostess Brands decided to close shop this year, taking with it lunch box staples such as Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder bread. The company said it would try to sell off its many storied brands, so maybe there is hope for the mysteriously enduring snack cakes.

California's foie gras fans may not get a similar second chance. Despite opposition by the state's restaurant industry, as of July it became illegal to sell foie gras — which is made from goose or duck livers enlarged by force-feeding through funnel-like tubes.

Back in New York, the too-cool-for-you folks spent the summer angling over whether Brooklyn really did have a hip dining scene. Not that anyone outside New York gives a flying (artisanal bacon-wrapped) fig. But silly one-upmanship gave way to legit worry — and unity — when Superstorm Sandy dealt a devastating blow to the city's restaurant scene.

For this year's truly hot food scene, you needed to head south. Because THE South is where it's happening. Hugh Acheson,



A cashier rings up boxes of Hostess Twinkies and Cup Cakes at the Hostess Brands' bakery in Denver. Blaming a labor dispute for ongoing financial woes, Hostess Brands decided to close shop this year, taking with it lunch box staples such as Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder bread.

Tim Love, John Besh and a gaggle of others are putting a fresh face on what it means to eat well when you're below the Mason-Dixon Line, and the rest of the country started to wake up to this.

And then there's Paula Deen, the doyenne of butter, deep-frying and — at least this year — public relations travesties. Though diagnosed with diabetes several years ago, she waited until January — coincidentally when she also had lined up a lucrative drug endorsement deal — to go public with it. She came off looking money-grubbing, and an opportunity to educate Americans about a devastating disease was mostly lost.

But Americans did learn plenty about their hamburgers. In March, the Internet exploded with worry over so-called pink slime, or what the meat industry prefers to call lean finely textured beef. Though it had been part of the food chain for years, by the end of the kerfuffle the product had all but disappeared.

Filling your grocery cart was — and will continue to be — costly. This summer's massive drought in the U.S. devastated famers and drove up global food prices. And the hardship isn't

over. Analysts say we can expect food prices here to go up by as much as 4 percent in 2013.

Food safety also was a headline grabber. For the first time ever, the Food and Drug Administration used newly granted authority to shutter a company without a court hearing. In November, the government shut down Sunland Inc., the country's largest organic peanut butter processor, after repeated food safety violations.

Now let's talk trends. Kale was the unlikely darling of 2011, but it started to lose its luster this year. Beets are making a bid for top slot, and would actually stand a chance if they didn't stain your fingers so much. Americans fell in love with dark meat, finally realizing what chefs have known all along — chicken breasts are the tofu of the meat world. Dark meat actually has flavor.

Craft beer remains a growing market, but hipster drinkers know it's the hard stuff that's happening. Barrel aged cocktails and micro distilleries are raging hot. Chia seeds also are trying to be hip, and though they've wormed their way into numerous bottled drinks, they will forever suffer from the Ch-ch-chia! effect. If you want to seem impossibly hip, sau-



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te or bake something with coconut oil. But don't be caught dead sipping coconut water. That's so 2011.

By the way, we get it! Any food served out of a truck or from a restaurant that "pops up" is outrageously better than any other food. And eat-

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And would somebody please, for the love of all that is good, please kill off the cake pop phenomenon?

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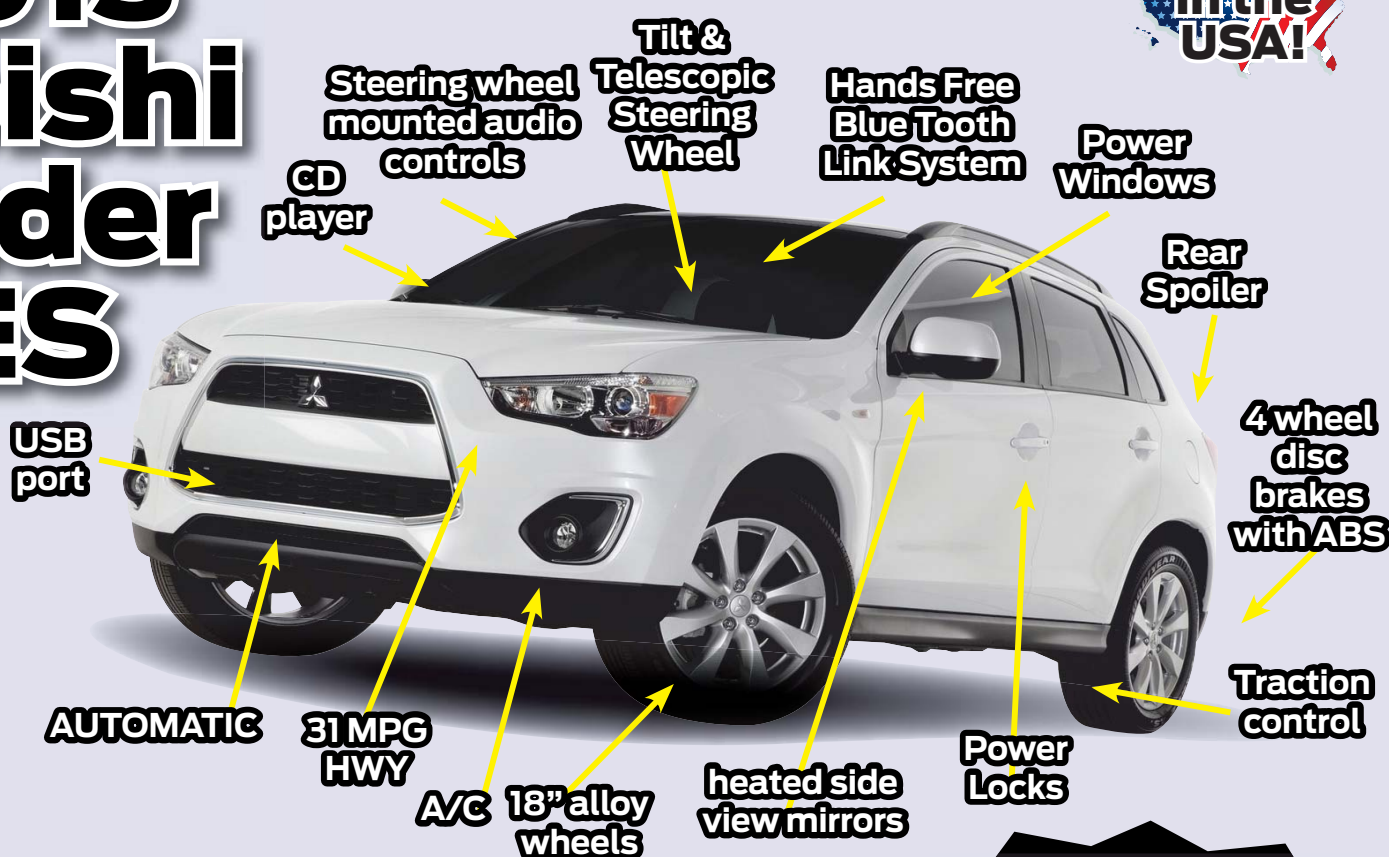




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1

Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

NEATS F

1

2

LIGRL

3

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NASAU

5

6

12/28/12

3

Injuries are easier forgotten than \_\_\_\_\_.

4

Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing words you develop from step No.3 below.

2

PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN SQUARES

1

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7

3

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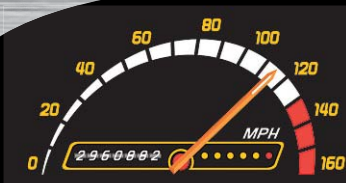
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Crossword by Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Eldrick Woods' alias

6 Cornfield cry

9 Egyptian boy king

12 Egg-shaped

13 Son-gun link

14 Inseparable

15 Talking bird

16 Chinese river

18 Alluring beauty (Var.)

20 Check

21 Deviate off course

23 Automaton, briefly

24 Sirens

25 Baseball stats

27 Get to

29 Lord Wimsey's creator

31 Famed WWII pin-up girl

35 Tourist's query

37 Hotel staffer

38 Barbecue venue

41 Army member?

43 Homer's neighbor

44 Rotated

45 Acerbic

47 "Wheel of Fortune" inspiration

49 Gathered leaves

52 Expert

53 Tramcar contents

54 Bring forth

55 Marry

56 Conclusion

57 Comedian

Wanda

DOWN

1 Actor Cruise

2 Wall climber

3 "Coming through!"

4 List-ending abbr.

5 Detox and such

6 Road Runner's foe

7 Somewhere out there

8 Pale

9 Clan symbol

10 Decompress a computer file

11 Adolescents

17 Preacher Billy

19 Code name?

21 "Indeed"

22 Coach Parseghian

24 DVR forerunner

26 Betsy Ross' skill

28 Representative

30 Sigma preceder

32 Thailand's capital

33 Recline

34 TV announcer Hall

36 Poured

38 "Nuts!"

39 Quickly

40 Fixed a piano

42 Garage stack

45 Horse house

46 Almost black

48 Larry's pal

50 — out a living

51 Moines lead-in

12-28

CRYPTOQUIP

DXOTNY TY WPX JGKAGYR UPXDX

XHXDMJNQMN UNVKQ KTAG WN

WGAX NY G RVFXDHTRTYO

FNRTWTNY : JNRR - YTG .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I SAID "I DISLIKE MOST LENDING INSTITUTIONS," ONE MIGHT CALL THAT A BANK STATEMENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals O

Solution time: 25 minutes

AURA PAS SPOT

CRAB ELL PERE

NANA NEO INCA

ELICIT BOREAL

USA NIL

ALPS CAPE TOWN

NEE LYE PIA

NINETEEN METS

DNA AGA

CAUCUS LOITER

OSLO TAI DIME

STUD ADZ ENID

TIME ROE NERO

Yesterday's answer 12/27

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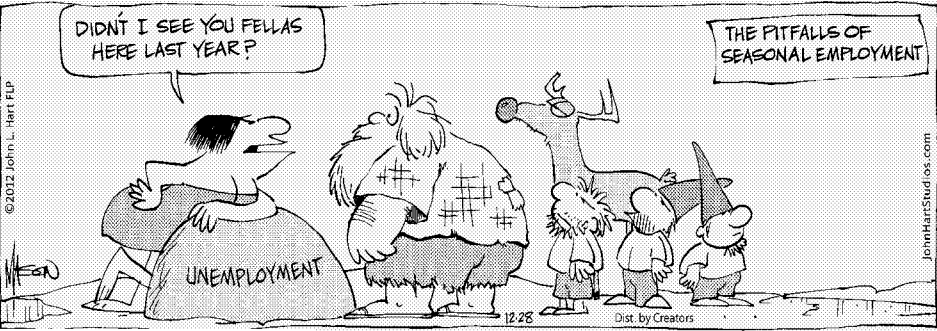
## GARFIELD



## PEANUTS



## B.C.



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## BEEBLE BAILEY



## TANK McNAMARA



## Today in history

Associated Press

Today is **Friday, Dec. 28**, the 363rd day of 2012. There are three days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On **Dec. 28, 1912**, San Francisco's Municipal Railway began operations with Mayor James Rolph Jr. at the controls of Streetcar No. 1 as 50,000 spectators looked on.

On this date:

In **1897**, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In **1917**, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a facetious, as well as fictitious, essay by H.L. Mencken recounting the history of bathtubs in America.

In **1945**, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Ten years ago:** The U.N. nuclear watchdog decided to pull its inspectors out of North Korea by New Year's Eve, a step demanded by the North. Mwai Kibaki and his opposition alliance won a landslide victory in Kenyan elections, breaking the ruling party's 39-year grip on power.

**Five years ago:** David Letterman's production company reached an interim agreement with the Writers Guild allowing his talk show as well as Craig Ferguson's to return to the air.

**One year ago:** Kaye Stevens, a singer and actress who performed with the Rat Pack and was a frequent guest on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show," died in The Villages, Fla., at age 79.

## Think about it

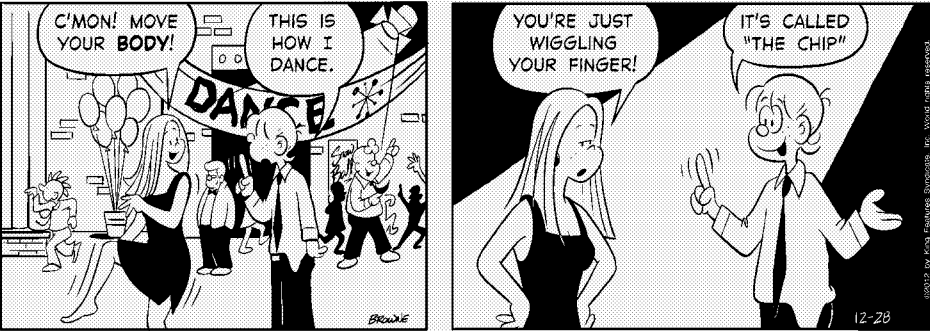
"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

— **Michael Crichton, American author (1942-2008).**

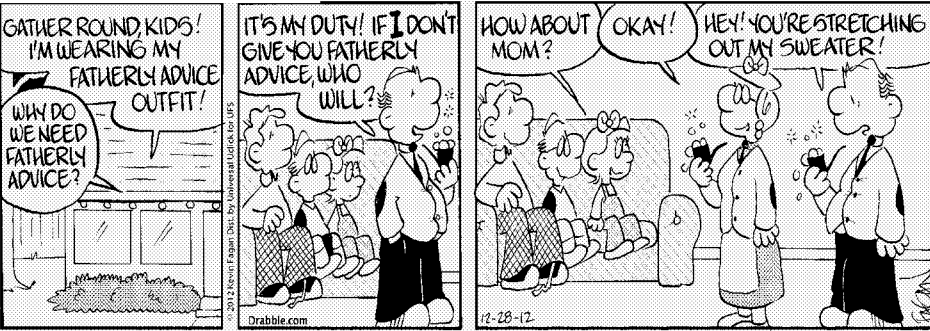
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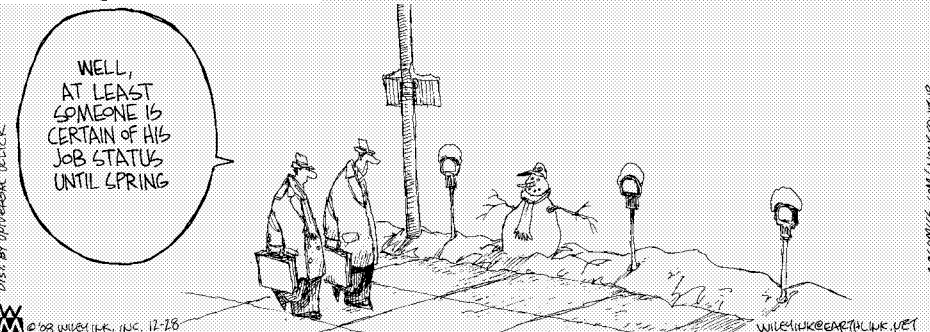
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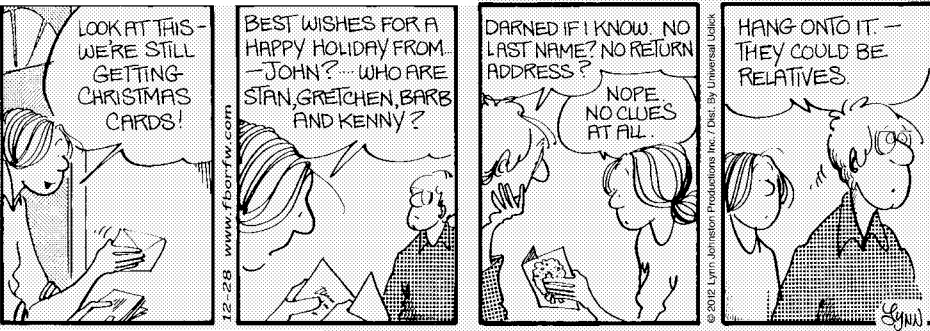
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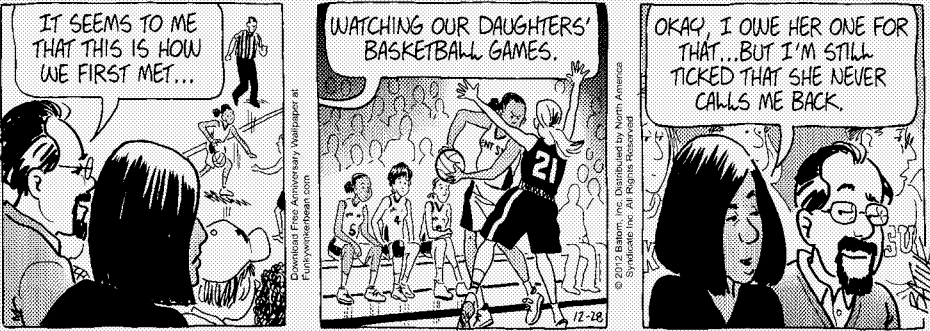
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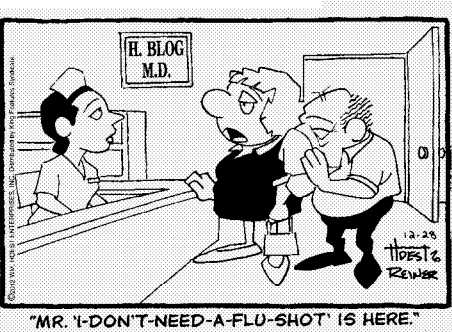
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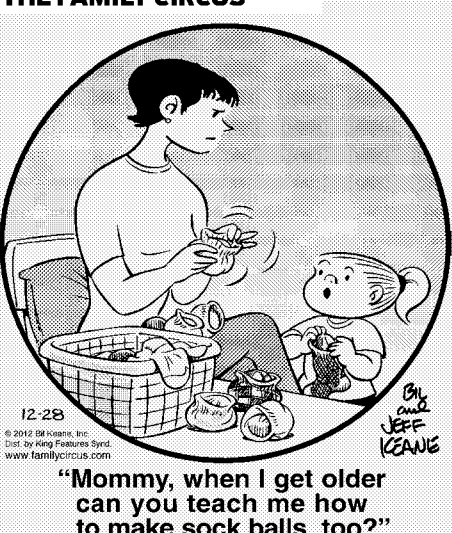
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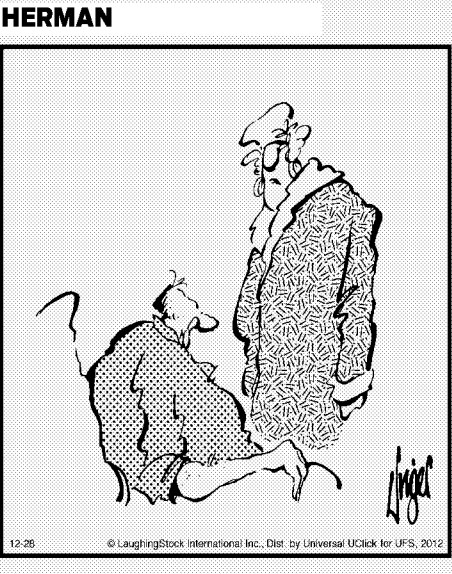
## THE LOCKHORNS



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



## HERMAN



## ACROSS

- 1 MD employer
- 4 Dessert trolley
- 8 History question
- 12 Hearing aid?
- 13 Mimicked the mannerisms of
- 14 Primordial goop
- 15 Carnivorous fish
- 17 Not theirs
- 18 Roulette color
- 19 Turkish coins
- 20 Raised with effort
- 23 — vivat
- 24 Dashiell's peer
- 25 Sharp retorts
- 29 Whopper
- 30 Veld sighting
- 32 Parent's order
- 33 Thick fog (2 wds.)
- 35 Arizona river
- 36 Outstanding
- 37 Dig and hoe
- 39 Sound

## DOWN

- 42 About half of us
- 43 Noted groundhog
- 44 Hair clip (2 wds.)
- 48 Adjust a guitar
- 49 Comic strip moppet
- 50 Sendak's "Where the Wild Things —"
- 51 Snakes do it
- 52 Abound
- 53 Pastoral spot

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 NFL events
- 8 Sweet-talking
- 9 Time unit
- 10 Cornell or Pound
- 11 Monster's loch
- 16 Kitty starter
- 19 Like one Ranger
- 20 Tide over
- 21 Old barge canal
- 22 Kind of collar
- 23 Contractor's figure
- 25 Address part
- 26 Camelot lady
- 27 Audition goal
- 28 Long-necked bird
- 30 A little, to Liszt
- 31 Oaters' Lash La —
- 34 Left port
- 35 Cloudy, in London
- 37 Roof part
- 38 Photograph record
- 39 Classified wds.
- 40 No way!
- 41 Eat well
- 42 Grimace
- 44 Lunch counter order
- 45 Sidekick
- 46 High dudgeon
- 47 PBS funder

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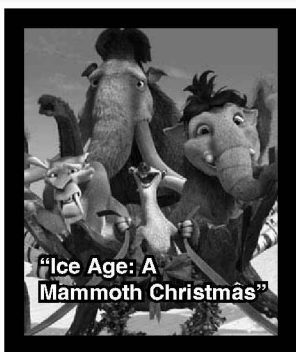
# BEST BETS

**7 p.m. on 25 Shark Tank**

In a first for the show, an entrepreneur who walked away from a deal is back to try again. James Martin of Oregon gets advice from Jim Koch, co-founder of the Boston Beer Co. — makers of Samuel Adams — as he considers a new offer to invest in his wine-in-a-cup business. Also in this episode, the Sharks hear from an Indiana woman with a cookie business and a New Yorker with a line of T-shirts that reveal motivational messages when the wearer sweats.

**7 p.m. on 44.2 DreamWorks Dragons: Gift of the Night Fury**

Based on the hit animated film “How to Train Your Dragon,” this special returns to the villagers of Berk as they prepare for the winter holidays. As the festivities approach, the dragons make a sudden mass exodus, leaving Hiccup, Astrid, Stoick and the rest of the gang saddened by the loss of their winged friends. A wild turn of events leads Hiccup to discover a mysterious, never-before-seen island and learn exactly why the dragons left.



**7 p.m. on 19 Nikita**

Ryan and Nikita (Noah Bean, Maggie Q) take charge of Division and make it their first mission to bring in the rogue agents who failed to respond to the recall after Percy’s death. Things don’t go as planned, and Michael (Shane West) is arrested. Nikita formulates an escape plan for him that involves Alex (Lyndsy Fonseca) reprising the role of Russian princess Alexandra Udinov in “3.0.”

**7 p.m. on 1 Movie: Reign of Fire**

Is it getting hot in here, or is it just that dragon? Christian Bale and Matthew McConaughey star as scruffy freedom fighters in this 2002

action fantasy from director Rob Bowman. When dragons scorch the earth and drive the surviving humans underground, mercenary Van Zan (McConaughey) gathers a small army. He joins Quinn (Bale), who just wants to help his tribe stay alive. Izabella Scorupco and Gerard Butler also star.

**7:30 p.m. on 44.2 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas**

This holiday special, based on the “Ice Age” films, finds the arctic herd busily decorating for the holidays. In his rush to help, Sid destroys Manny’s favorite decorations. Manny is so upset that he convinces Sid he is now on Santa’s naughty list. Joined by Crash, Eddie and Peaches, Sid takes off for the North Pole to plead his case to Santa. Meanwhile, Manny, Ellie and Diego race to find Peaches. Ray Romano and John Leguizamo lead the voice cast.

**8 p.m. on 9; 9 p.m. on 35 American Masters**

The new episode “Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance” recalls how Robert Joffrey and the company he founded broadened the appeal of ballet by incorporating contemporary music

and modern choreography without sacrificing the integrity of the ballet. Clips from the Joffrey Ballet’s signature works are interspersed with comments from dancers, critics and others. Mandy Patinkin narrates.

**8 p.m. on 6 Movie: Mulan**

A Chinese maiden (voice of Ming-Na) disguises herself as a man to take her father’s place in battle against invading Huns in this colorful Disney animated adaptation of an Asian legend. The impressive voice cast also includes B.D. Wong, Miguel Ferrer, Harvey Fierstein, Beth Fowler and George Takei, but Eddie Murphy steals the show as the voice of Mushu, a tiny dragon who



becomes Mulan’s traveling companion.

**8 p.m. on AP Mermaids: The Body Found**

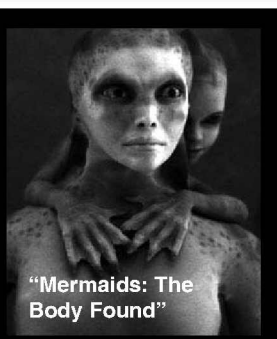
Like dragons, mermaids have appeared in the folklore of many cultures. Does that mean these half-human, half-fish creatures might be real? In this two-hour special, scientists claim to have discovered the remains of a previously unidentified sea creature with possible ties to our own origins. Computer graphics and animation illustrate this intriguing theory.

**8 p.m. on L Say Yes to the Dress**

If you thought finding someone to marry you was hard, just try putting brides-to-be in dresses that everyone can agree on. Randy Fenoli and the gang are back as the beloved TLC series returns to New York’s famous Kleinfeld Bridal salon for its ninth season.

**8 p.m. on D Movie: The Duchess**

Keira Knightley tackles an acting challenge impressively in this portrait of Georgiana, the Duchess of Devonshire, who prompted tongues to wag over personal involvements that



impacted her public life. Her husband’s relationship with another woman is followed by her romance with a politician.

**9 p.m. on L Teen Trouble**

Josh Shipp knows something about being a troubled teenager. An orphan raised in foster care, he turned his life around and is now a behavioral specialist, author and motivational speaker who helps families with out-of-control youngsters. In this new series, he gives his young charges a dose of tough love and a look at what’s in store for them if they continue on their self-destructive paths — as well as a glimpse of how good life can be if they make some changes.

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| 7:00<br>:30           | Good Morning America (CC)                      | Today (CC)             | News                     | CBS This Morning (CC)   | Shepherd’s Chapel<br>Paid Prog.<br>K. Copeland | The Daily Buzz (CC)   | Curious Cat in the Super Why! Dinosaur | Curious Cat in the Super Why! Dinosaur | Paid Prog.<br>Matlock “The Captain” | Home Imp.<br>Jim               | Movie: “Hero” Cont’d                | J. Meyer<br>Paid Prog.   | That Girl<br>I Love Lucy  | Insanity!<br>3x Faster                                 | “Max Payne” Cont’d             | Will & Grace          |
| 8:00<br>:30           |                                                |                        | Local 7 News Lifestyles  |                         |                                                |                       |                                        |                                        |                                     |                                | Movie: “Midnight in Paris” (CC)     | Gold Rush “In the Black” | Daniel Boone              | Gangland (CC)                                          | Movie: “Enemy of the State”    | Frasier               |
| 9:00<br>:30           | Live! Kelly and Michael                        | Today (CC)             | Family Feud Family Feud  | The Doctors (CC)        | John Hagee Life Today                          | Better (CC)           | Sesame Street                          | Sesame Street                          | Matlock “The Vendetta”              | Jim<br>There Yet?              |                                     | Gold Rush “Frozen Out”   | Perry Mason (CC)          | Gangland (CC)                                          |                                | Frasier “IQ”          |
| 10:00<br>:30          | The View (CC)                                  | Today (CC)             | Steve Harvey (CC)        | The Price Is Right (CC) | Divorce                                        | Cash Cab              | Daniel Tiger Sid Science               | Daniel Tiger Sid Science               | In the Heat of the Night            | Browns<br>Payne                | Movie: “Waiting to Exhale” (CC)     | Gold Rush (CC)           | The Rockford Files        | Gangland (CC)                                          |                                | Chris                 |
| 11:00<br>:30          | Top Paid Prog.                                 | Midday With Mike (CC)  | Judge Mathis (CC)        | Young & Restless        | Judge Alex                                     | Eye for Eye           | WordWorld                              | WordWorld                              | In the Heat of the Night            | Prince<br>Amer. Dad            |                                     | Gold Rush (CC)           | Hawaii Five-0 (CC)        | Gangland “Assassins”                                   | Movie: “Rush Hour 2”           | Chris                 |
| 12:00<br>:30          | The Chew (CC)                                  | Days of our Lives (CC) | News Andy Griffith       | Paid Prog.              | Judge B. Bold                                  | Judge Gunn            | Cat in the Prisma Princessa            | Clifford-World                         | WGN Midday News (CC)                | Ramond                         | Movie: “Holes” (CC)                 | Gold Rush (CC)           | Guns smoke “Waste”        | Gangland “Blood Oath”                                  |                                | How I Met             |
| 1:00<br>:30           | General Hospital (CC)                          | Paid Prog. America     | Andy Griffith Paid Prog. | The Talk (CC)           | Anderson Live (CC)                             | People Judge Ross     | Microbes Super Why! Dinosaur           | Walker, Texas Ranger                   | Walker, Texas Ranger                | Raymond                        |                                     | Gold Rush (CC)           | Bonanza                   | Gangland (CC)                                          | Movie: “What Happens in Vegas” | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 2:00<br>:30           | The Jeff Probst Show                           | Jeopardy! America      | Sleep Judge Judy         | Let’s Make a Deal (CC)  | The Jeremy Kyle Show                           | Trisha Goddard        | Cat in the Curious                     | Walker, Texas Ranger                   | Walker, Texas Ranger                | Friends                        | Movie: “The Big Lebowski” (CC)      | Gold Rush (CC)           | The Big Valley            | Gangland (CC)                                          |                                | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 3:00<br>:30           | Rachael Ray (CC)                               | The Dr. Oz Show (CC)   | Inside Ed. The Insider   | Dr. Phil (CC)           | Wilkos Show                                    | Bill Cunningham       | Arthur WordGirl                        | Arthur WordGirl                        | Law Order: CI                       | Friends                        |                                     | Gold Rush (CC)           | The Wild, Wild West       | Movie: “Jurassic Park III”                             | How I Met                      | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 4:00<br>:30           | Eyewitness News First                          | 14 News at 4:00PM      | The People’s Court (CC)  | Ellen DeGeneres Show    | Jerry Springer (CC)                            | Seinfeld Seinfeld     | Wild Kratts Electric                   | Wild Kratts Electric                   | Law Order: CI                       | Friends                        | Movie: “Duplicity” (CC)             | Gold Rush (CC)           | Emergency!                |                                                        | How I Met                      | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 5:00<br>:30           | News                                           | News                   | Judge Judy               | Ent                     | Maurycy (CC)                                   | King                  | Martha Business                        | World News                             | Chris                               | King                           |                                     | Gold Rush (CC)           | Rifleman                  | Movie: “Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace”    | Two Men                        | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 6:00<br>:30           | World News                                     | NBC News               | Judge Judy               | CBS News                |                                                | King                  | Business                               | Business                               | Chris                               | King                           | Movie: “Midnight in Paris” (CC)     | Gold Rush (CC)           | Rifleman                  |                                                        | Two Men                        | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 7:00<br>:30           | News                                           | News                   | Big Bang                 | How I Met               | The Ricki Lake Show                            | “Til Death            | PBS News-Hour (CC)                     | PBS News-Hour (CC)                     | Funnist Home Videos                 | Seinfeld                       |                                     | Gold Rush (CC)           | M*A*S*H                   |                                                        | Two Men                        | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 8:00<br>:30           | Millionaire                                    | Wheel                  | News                     | Two Men                 |                                                | “Til Death            | Comment                                | Comment                                | How I Met                           | Payne                          | Movie: “Holes” (CC)                 | Gold Rush (CC)           | Remington Steele (CC)     |                                                        | Two Men                        | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 9:00<br>:30           | Shark Tank (CC) (DVS)                          | Go On (CC)             | Simpsons                 | Undercover Boss (CC)    | Dragons Ice Age                                | Nikita “3.0”          | Need                                   | McLaughlin                             | How I Met                           | Worse                          |                                     | Gold Rush (CC)           | M.T. Moore D. Van Dyke    | Movie: “Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones” | Teen Trouble (CC)              | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 10:00<br>:30          | Back to the Beginning With Christiane Amanpour | Dateline NBC (CC)      | Engagement               | Undercover Boss (CC)    | Monk (CC)                                      | Law Order: CI         | Downtown                               | American Masters (CC)                  | WGN News at Nine (CC)               | Movie: “The Longest Yard” (CC) | Movie: “When a Stranger Calls” (CC) | Bering Sea Gold (CC)     | Cheers                    |                                                        | Teen Trouble (CC)              | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 11:00<br>:30          | News                                           | News                   | Engagement               | Two Men                 | Monk (CC)                                      | Law Order: CI         | NOVA (CC) (DVS)                        | World News                             | Funnist Home Videos                 | Engagement                     | Movie: “Wild Things” (CC)           | Gold Rush (CC)           | Twil. Zone (CC)           | Gangland “Hate Nation”                                 | Movie: “The Karate Kid”        | Hoarders (CC)         |
| 12:00<br>:30          | Nightline                                      | Tonight Show w/J. Leno | Family Guy               | Late Show w/Letterman   | How I Met                                      | 30 Rock               | Charlie Rose (CC)                      | WoodSongs (CC)                         | Engagement                          | 30 Rock                        | Movie: “Drillbit Taylor” (CC)       | Gold Rush (CC)           | Kojak                     | Gangland “Hunt and Kill”                               |                                |                       |
| 12:00<br>:30          | Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)                         | Late Night             | Amer. Dad                | Late Late Show/Craig    | Raymond                                        | 70s Show              | Washington                             | Charlie Rose (CC)                      | Engagement                          | 30 Rock                        |                                     |                          | Gallery                   |                                                        |                                |                       |

| FRIDAY<br>DECEMBER 28 | ESPN2<br>E<br>Cable 26                      | ESPN<br>E<br>Cable 27                                                           | TNT<br>T<br>Cable 28   | NICK<br>N<br>Cable 30 | A&E<br>A<br>Cable 31  | FAM<br>F<br>Cable 34      | COM<br>C<br>Cable 35    | HBO<br>H<br>Cable 700        | MAX<br>M<br>Cable 730                           | SHOW<br>S<br>Cable 750        | AMC<br>A<br>Cable 41                     | ANPL<br>AP<br>Cable 42 | BET<br>B<br>Cable 43            | STARZ<br>Z<br>Cable 650             | FSMW<br>F<br>Cable 47                   | FSO<br>FO<br>Cable 48                                 |
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| 7:00<br>:30           | Mike and the Mikes (CC) Cont’d              | SportsCenter (CC)                                                               | Charmed “Siren’s Song” | Dora the Explorer     | Dog the Bounty Hunter | Boy Meets... Boy Meets... | Slim in 6               | “New Yrk”                    | “She’s the One” Cont’d                          | “Heart of Stone” Cont’d       | Paid Prog.                               | Animal Cops Phoenix    | Movie: “Roll Bounce” (CC)       | Movie: “Winnie the Pooh” (CC)       | XTERRA                                  | Sports Unlimited                                      |
| 8:00<br>:30           |                                             | SportsCenter (CC)                                                               | Supernatural (CC)      | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Paid Prog.              | Movie: “Rio” (CC)            | Movie: “Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close” (CC) | Movie: “Happy Accidents” (CC) | Stooges                                  | Animal Cops Phoenix    |                                 | Movie: “Van Helsing” (CC)           | UFC Reloaded “UFC 143: Diaz vs. Condit” | UFC Reloaded “UFC 143: Diaz vs. Condit”               |
| 9:00<br>:30           | First Take (CC)                             | SportsCenter (CC)                                                               | Supernatural (CC)      | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | RENO 911! RENO 911!     | Miserables                   | RENO 911! REAL Sports Gumbel                    | Movie: “Buck” (CC)            | Stooges                                  | Animal Cops Phoenix    | Movie: “Love & Basketball” (CC) | Movie: “Air Force One” (CC)         | Paid Prog.                              | Tennis: Championships Series: New York.               |
| 10:00<br>:30          | First Take (CC)                             | SportsCenter (CC)                                                               | Leverage (CC)          | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Jim Gaffigan: King Baby | Movie: “Titanic” (CC)        | Movie: “In the Valley of Elah” (CC)             | Movie: “Pan-ic” (CC)          | Movie: “The Poseidon Adventure” (CC)     | River Monsters         |                                 | Movie: “Laws of Attraction” (CC)    | Sports Unlimited                        | Cavaliers                                             |
| 11:00<br>:30          | First Take (CC)                             | SportsCenter (CC)                                                               | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Full House              | Movie: “Police Academy” (CC) | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)                        | Movie: “Bob Funk” (CC)        | Movie: “King Arthur” (CC)                | River Monsters         | Movie: “Beauty Shop” (CC)       | Movie: “Laws of Attraction” (CC)    | Paid Prog.                              | Cavaliers                                             |
| 12:00<br>:30          |                                             | SportsCenter (CC)                                                               | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Full House              | Movie: “Wayne’s World” (CC)  | Movie: “Project Nim” (CC)                       | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)      | Movie: “Predator 2” (CC)                 | River Monsters         | Movie: “Pride” (CC)             | Movie: “Zookeeper” (CC)             | Sports Unlimited                        | Cavaliers                                             |
| 1:00<br>:30           | SportsCenter (CC)                           | College Football: AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl -- Louisiana-Monroe vs. Ohio. | Law & Order            | Drake/Josh            | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Movie: “Alice in Wonderland” | Movie: “Garden State” (CC)                      | Movie: “Fair Game” (CC)       | Movie: “Predator 2” (CC)                 | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Van Helsing” (CC)           | Nebraska                                | The Movement                                          |
| 2:00<br>:30           | Outside Numbers                             | College Football: Russell Athletic Bowl -- Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech.           | Law & Order            | Drake/Josh            | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Comedy Futurama              | Movie: “Rio” (CC)                               | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)      | Movie: “Predator 2” (CC)                 | River Monsters         |                                 | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Big 12                                  | Action Sports World Tour                              |
| 3:00<br>:30           | NFL Live (CC)                               |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | Drake/Josh            | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Futurama                     | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)                        | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)      | Movie: “Predator 2” (CC)                 | River Monsters         |                                 | Movie: “Van Helsing” (CC)           | The Movement                            | Action Sports World Tour                              |
| 4:00<br>:30           | NFL32 (CC)                                  |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | Drake/Josh            | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Futurama                     | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)                        | Movie: “The Sitter” (CC)      | Movie: “Predator 2” (CC)                 | River Monsters         |                                 | Movie: “Van Helsing” (CC)           | Action Sports World Tour                | Action Sports World Tour                              |
| 5:00<br>:30           | SportsCenter (CC)                           | College Football: Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas -- Minnesota vs. Texas Tech.   | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Cleveland Cavaliers. |
| 6:00<br>:30           | NFL Kickoff (CC)                            |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Rams                                    | Postgame                                              |
| 7:00<br>:30           | College Basketball: Baylor at Gonzaga. (CC) |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | Postgame                                              |
| 8:00<br>:30           | College Basketball: Mis-souri at UCLA. (CC) |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | Postgame                                              |
| 9:00<br>:30           | College Basketball: Mis-souri at UCLA. (CC) |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | Postgame                                              |
| 10:00<br>:30          | SportCtr                                    |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | Postgame                                              |
| 11:00<br>:30          | NFL Live (CC)                               |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | Postgame                                              |
| 12:00<br>:30          | Sport Sci.                                  |                                                                                 | Law & Order            | SpongeBob             | Shipping              | Shipping                  | Reba (CC)               | Sunny                        | Movie: “Pocahontas”                             | Movie: “Alien” (CC)           | Movie: “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” (CC) | River Monsters         | Movie: “Imag-ine That” (CC)     | Movie: “Underworld: Awakening” (CC) | Game Time                               | Postgame                                              |

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| 7:00<br>:30           | Holiday Bowl Parade  | “Sofia the First”     | El True Hollywood Story | Princes Secret Princes (CC) | Twil. Zone             | Pokemon                    | Boston Legal (CC)     | Renovation Renovatn   | Paid Prog.             | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Paid Prog.             | J. Duplantis            | Life in Food            | Housewives/OC          | “Eight”              |
| 8:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Phineas Gravity Falls | Ice-Coco Hollywood      | Secret Princes (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Heidi-Hounds” (CC) | D. Van Dyke           | House                 | Paid Prog.             | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | J. Meyer                | Drink Up                | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 9:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | A.N.T. Farm           | El True Hollywood Story | Secret Princes (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Heidi-Hounds” (CC) | D. Van Dyke           | House                 | Paid Prog.             | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Creflo Doll             | At the Table            | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 10:00<br>:30          | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Ice-Coco                | “Happily Ever After”        | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | D. Van Dyke           | House                 | Big Daddy’s            | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | John Hagee              | Food                    | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 11:00<br>:30          | Law & Order: SVU     | Phineas               | El News                 | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Prince                  | Spice God               | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 12:00<br>:30          | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Your Day                | Exotic                  | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 1:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | K. Copeland             | Simply De.              | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 2:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Movie: “The Omega Code” | Ask Aida                | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 3:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Kelsey’s Kitchen        | Easy Ent.               | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 4:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Fut. Tense              | Amalfi                  | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 5:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Life Today              | Every/Italian           | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 6:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Today                   | Every/Italian           | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 7:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | The 700 Club (CC)       | Forever                 | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 8:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Boys/Girl               | Boy/Girl                | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 9:00<br>:30           | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | John Hagee              | Kitchens                | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 10:00<br>:30          | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Chuck-Day               | Chuck-Day               | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 11:00<br>:30          | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Kelsey’s Rd- Garvin     | Kelsey’s Rd- Garvin     | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |
| 12:00<br>:30          | Law & Order: SVU     | Shake It Up!          | Sex-City                | Sin City Rules (CC)         | Twil. Zone             | Movie: “Hydra” (CC)        | I Love Lucy           | My First              | Challenge              | Home & Family (CC)     | Modern Marvels (CC)   | Fight Science          | Behind                  | Good Eats               | Housewives/OC          | Snapped (CC)         |



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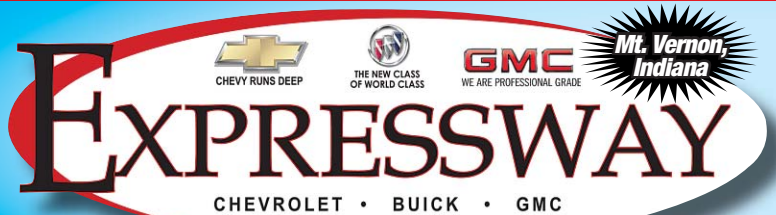
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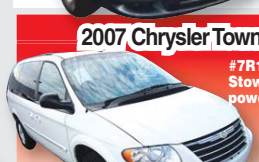
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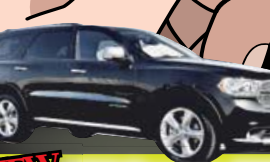
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| <b>NEW 2012 Ram Crew Cab</b><br><br>#C5061 - white, V-8, 40/20/40 split bench seat, Chrome appearance group, SIRIUS satellite, tilt/cruise, traction control, power windows/locks, panic alarm<br><b>20" CHROME WHEELS</b><br><b>\$25,990*</b>                                                                                                      | <b>NEW 2013 Jeep Compass 4x4</b><br><br>#D5262 - true blue, Tip start, SIRIUS satellite, remote USB port, automatic, tilt/cruise, power windows/locks, voice recorder, wireless phone connectivity, traction control, outside temp display, fog lamps, panic alarm, alloy wheels<br><b>\$20,990*</b> | <b>NEW 2012 Ram Crew Cab 4x4</b><br><br>#C6139 - silver, 5.7L V-8 Hemi, anti-slip differential, tilt/cruise, power windows/locks, wireless phone connectivity, 1st row LCD monitor, DVD-Audio, steer audio controls, trailer hitch receiver, traction control, heated door mirrors, outside temp display, panic alarm<br><b>CHROME WHEELS</b><br><b>\$33,990*</b> | <b>NEW 2012 Chrysler 300</b><br><br>#C0248 - deep cherry red, 3.6L V-6 8-speed automatic with E-shifter, Uconnect Voice command w/ Bluetooth, telescopic steering, wireless phone connectivity, DVD-Audio, 1st row LCD monitor, wood grain trim, power seat, traction control, panic alarm<br><b>LEATHER</b><br><b>\$24,990*</b> | <b>NEW 2012 Jeep Patriot Latitude 4x4</b><br><br>#C5541 - black, Alloy wheels, security alarm, soft tonneau cover, SIRIUS satellite, remote start, tip start, heated front seats, 1st row LCD monitor, fog lamps, traction control<br><b>\$21,990*</b> | <b>NEW 2012 Ram Quad Cab Sport 4x4</b><br><br>#C5721 - white, Alloy wheels, 5.7L V-8 HEMI, fog lamps, 40/20/40 split bench, Uconnect Voice command w/ Bluetooth, rear folding seat, SIRIUS satellite, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, wireless phone connectivity, trailer hitch receiver, panic alarm<br><b>HEMI</b><br><b>\$26,690*</b> |
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